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Parade dreams come true

Olympian Kaillie Humphries holds up her two gold medals Wednesday following the Calgary Stampede announcement that she'll be leading the 2015 parade. More on her selection in metroNEWS. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Couple guilty in girl's death

COURT

Jury convicts pair of second-degree murder in 2011 incident

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

Family members of six-year-old Meika Jordan said while a second-degree murder conviction wasn't what they had hoped for, the delivery of a guilty verdict did offer some solace.

On Wednesday, a packed court gallery heard the gruesome details about how the couple repeatedly abused Jordan leading up to her death in November 2011.

A Court of Queen's Bench Justice said she was convinced both Marie Magoon and Spencer Jordan, Meika's stepmother and father, were co-participants in the murder — as either could have delivered one of the fatal blows — but she delivered the lesser conviction of second-degree murder.

Meika's mother Kyla Woodhouse, along with her stepfather, Brian, spoke to media outside of court and said while it wasn't the conviction they were after, the guilty verdict confirms the two were responsible for her death.

"We pushed for first-degree from the beginning," said Woodhouse. "Second-degree isn't what we wanted, but ultimately guilty is guilty.

Sentencing for the couple is expected for Sept. 18 and both are facing life in prison without a chance at parole before 10 to 25 years.

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Residential schools report spurs name-change debate

LANDMARKS

Bridge, school named for man whose legacy is tarnished

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

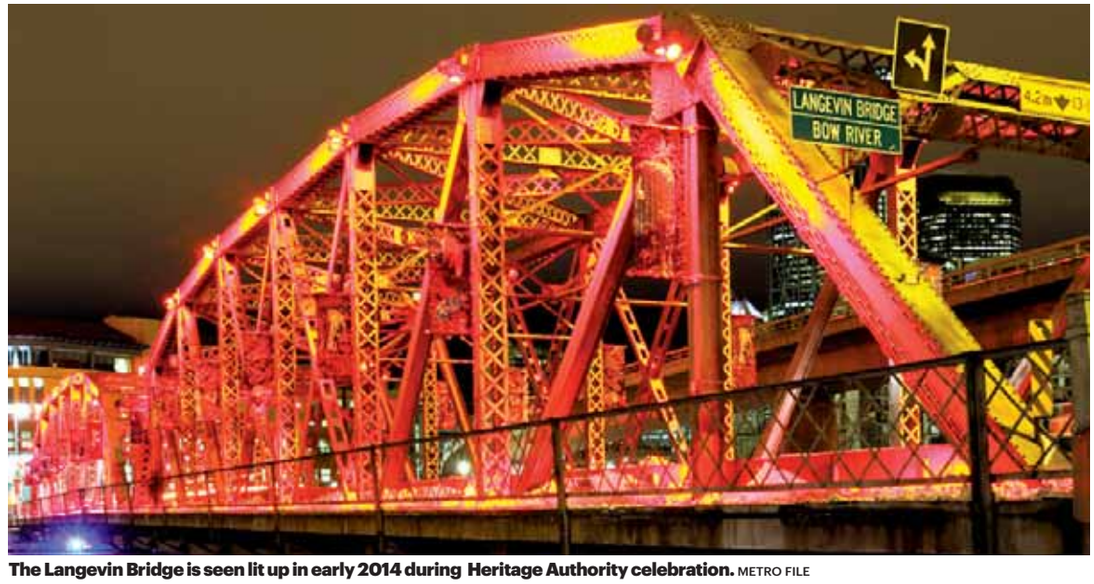
In light of a damning report on Canada's residential school system, debate has ratcheted up over whether two of Calgary landmarks celebrating one of the schools' champions should be renamed.

There's a quote from 1883 widely attributed online to then-Public Works Minister Sir Hector-Louis Langevin that reads, "In order to educate the children properly, we must separate them from their families. Some people may say that this is hard, but if we want to civilize them we must do that."

It was that thinking that spurred the establishment of the residential schools, which were largely operated by churches and funded by the Canadian government, and saw 150,000 aboriginal children pass through them.

On Tuesday, a six-year investigation of the ill treatment of the schools' students concluded that the Canadian government pursued a policy of "cultural genocide."

The report spurred discussion on Twitter about whether Calgary's Langevin Bridge and Langevin School should be renamed.



The Langevin Bridge is seen lit up in early 2014 during Heritage Authority celebration. METRO FILE

Randy Bottle, a residential school survivor living in the city, said the impact of the government's actions lingers today. He indicated he was open to talk of changes to the names.

"Something that would really respect the land itself and the people or the ancestors of the land, I think, needs to be taken into consideration," he said.

City historian Harry Sanders said he was torn, but felt the discussion was important.

On the one hand, Langevin was likely the first federal cabinet minister to visit Calgary before it was even incorporated as a town in 1884, and he was responsible for erecting the bridge as part of his government role.

"You could make an intellectual case for maintaining history and everything that's embodied in it, for good and for bad," he said. "History isn't a celebration; it's an analysis. But, on the other hand, it's deeply hurtful to those who have suffered to have this name."

> **History isn't a celebration; it's an analysis.**
> Harry Sanders

Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra waded into the discussion on Tuesday as well. In an interview, he noted that history is a "minefield" of controversial decisions made by influential people.

"It's an interesting conversation," he said. "I think an actual case against Langevin has to be made. You have to parse between how Langevin is more egregious than any number of other people that you could pluck from the names of a public building or public structure.

"Then, we have to ask ourselves if there's an actual process for renaming things."

VARSITY

Special needs school lawsuit dropped

Thirty residents opposed to the development of a replacement school for special-needs students in Calgary's Varsity community are withdrawing legal action aimed at blocking construction.

The lawsuit against the Calgary Board of Education came after the public board announced it would move kids from the aging Christine Meikle School in Bridgeland to a new facility on a Varsity plot of land, one which many residents said they never knew was designated for construction.

But lawyer Chris Davis conceded Wednesday that the claim took a hit when a judge knocked down an injunction sought by residents in nearby Scenic Acres, who were also opposing a new school development in their own neighbourhood.

Davis confirmed Wednesday that a judge had given instruction to proceed with removing the legal action after he reached all but one Varsity plaintiff to gain permission to do so.

"The problem for the community is that you're facing an institution (the CBE) that has, despite their complaint they have no money, they've got unlimited resources compared to individual citizens," Davis said. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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Musician to pilot busking program

PERFORMERS

Artists can now pick up required IDs

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

The City of Calgary is playing a different tune when it comes its soon-to-be, new-and-improved busking strategy.

The city doesn't actually have such a strategy — yet — but, in the interim, it has hired a musician on contract, whose role is to chat with the local buskers and the broader arts community and draft recommendations.

City spokeswoman Teresa Byrne said she hopes the new strategy will be piloted in the fall.

Matt Masters, a professional musician, said he has been given a blank slate by the city to build a new-and-improved program.

Now, instead of just being a musician, he can add his new title — City of Calgary busker liaison consultant — to his repertoire.

"Buskers aren't on the forefront of arts and culture as an industry," he said. "If we can create a scenario where they feel they're in an environment that promotes and supports their art, then I actually think all across the board we'll see a benefit in our arts and culture community."

Kyle Green, a local busker, said it's great the city has found someone with a musical history to check in with buskers, but isn't sure what changes he would like to see in a review.

"Things seem to be going very well," said Green.

"Everything they're doing right now, for the most part, is working."

Buskers can now pick up their 2015 IDs, which are required to perform in Calgary streets.

One big potential change on the horizon is the amalgamation of the separate busking programs run by the city and Calgary Transit.

"The city has committed to creating a unified busking policy, that includes transit, that includes everywhere in the city," said Masters. "It will just improve the situation for everybody and make busking easier, more accessible and better — that's our goal."

Calgary Transit CTrain stations are the only locations buskers currently need a separate application to play at.

According to the Calgary Transit website, artists are asked to submit a police check, complete a form for an audition, and finally — if chosen — fork over $25 before hitting the platform.

Calgary Transit wasn't able to provide a comment by press time.

Other changes that could rock the streets aren't set in stone as of yet, but Masters said he has a few thoughts he's hoping to float, including an online hub for artists where they can be connected directly to events and other opportunities to perform.

Local musician and busker Kyle Green stands on 17 Avenue SW, guitar in hand. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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TIM HORTONS

Donor buys coffee for charity

Jeremy Nolais
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Goodwill is brewing alongside the coffee at at least two Calgary Tim Hortons Wednesday.

Bob Jantz, manager of the chain's store in Tuscany, said his restaurant and another in the Crowfoot Shopping Centre were each visited by an anonymous donor, who bought $500 worth of coffee at each store.

All coffee purchased on Wednesday, officially dubbed Camp Day, goes to benefit the Children's Foundation, which runs camps for disadvantaged kids, Jantz said. He said the donor's hope was customers digging change out of their pockets to buy their morning brew would simply donate it to the foundation, effectively doubling his goodwill.

"It was cool and totally anonymous," Jantz said. "Now, we're finding some customers are donating more than they would have."

Coffee flowed freely thanks to a kind donor who donated to two Calgary Tim Hortons Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Man exposed himself to children at a school

Calgary police are searching for a man who allegedly exposed himself to a group of children at a southwest Calgary school.

Police said staff at the school confronted the man, who fled down the road toward another elementary school.

Police arrived at Monsignor J.J. O'Brien Elementary and Junior High School in Bridlewood Wednesday afternoon and thoroughly searched the area, but were unable to locate the man.

Police said the man fits the description of a male seen masturbating behind the 200 block of Copperfield Manor in southeast Calgary on May 29.

Police are seeking the public's assistance in locating the man who has been described as Asian, around 20 to 25 years old and around five-foot-nine.

At the time of the incident, he was wearing black track pants and a grey hoodie. METRO

CONTROVERSY

Pianist drawing protesters

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Classical-music lovers taking in the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra's (CPO) performances on Friday and Saturday night can expect to be greeted outside the Jack Singer Concert Hall by demonstrators protesting the inclusion of guest pianist Valentina Lisitsa.

As Metro reported in April, the CPO decided to continue on with two shows featuring the controversial and highly popular Ukrainian-born pianist after the Toronto Symphony Orchestra cancelled her performances in that city over what it described as "deeply offensive" comments from Lisitsa online.

Inna Platonova is organizing the Calgary protest, which she said will include local members of the Ukrainian, Russian and Jewish communities who are upset by the "xenophobic" and "hateful" things Lisitsa has said, including one tweet referring to Ukrainian people as "dog s—t."

The CPO's director of artistic planning, Heather Slater, said the organization understands some people are offended by Lisitsa's words.

"At the same time, as an orchestra, our business is to make music," Slater said in a written statement sent to Metro. "The CPO engages guest artists based on artistic merit and cannot take a position on an artist's political views."

"The material we are so concerned about has no real political connotation," Platonova countered. "The purpose of this material is to mock and belittle a specific group of people.... This is really horrendous stuff."

Group offers solace to those left behind

TRAUMA

Mothers who lost sons to homicide form support group

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

Calgary mother Karen Venables has spent the past 13 years feeling lost and alone, desperate for some reprieve after the killing of her son Devin.

Devin died after just one punch to the head at a bar one night back in 2002.

Mother Debbie Hogarth lost her son Joshua in 2012 when he was stabbed to death.

Hogarth and Venables were complete strangers until the one thing they had in common brought them together: the killing of their sons.

"When you lose a loved one, the grief and sadness can be overwhelming," Venables said. "But when that loss has the word 'murder' attached to it, another level is added to that grief."

The heartache of losing someone to homicide made both Venables and Hogarth realize there were few avenues to turn to for help.

After meeting for the first time in 2014, the two moms successfully launched the Calgary Homicide Support Society (CHSS).

Functioning as a facilitated peer-support group, CHSS will give grief-stricken family members a safe place to talk about their experiences with those who have experienced similar trauma.

Calgary mothers Karen Venables, left, and Debbie Hogarth announce the launch of the Calgary Homicide Support Society on Wednesday afternoon. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

> **When my younger son turned 18 and could go out to the pubs, how could I cope? My fear was debilitating.**
> Karen Venables, whose older son was killed in a bar

"When my younger son turned 18 and could go out to the pubs, how could I cope?" Venables said.

"My fear was debilitating. I wish I had someone to talk to. At that time, there was no one who could help me."

Brent Hutt, with the Calgary Police Service Victim Assistance Unit, said the implementation of the society will be an important step forward in providing an added level of support.

"This is very unique to Calgary and it's going to have huge value for people who have been impacted by homicide," Hutt said.

ROBBERY

Spray attack leaves no fear

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

A brazen daylight robbery wasn't enough to keep the owners of an Inglewood restaurant down.

Three men entered the Hose and Hound and pepper sprayed a handful of people during a robbery Tuesday afternoon.

Front-end manager Tanya Hanson, who took the brunt of the spray, said the situation unfolded in an instant.

"I thought someone was playing a prank when they first came in, and then within seconds, I was blind," she said.

According to Hanson, three men entered the restaurant wearing motorcycle helmets and said next to nothing before releasing the spray, hitting her and several others.

"The other two were carrying guns," she said. "Whether they were real or not, I don't know."

Hanson said even after showering, her skin was still burning.

"There's no scarring or anything; it's just really hot — it's like sitting in an oven," she said.

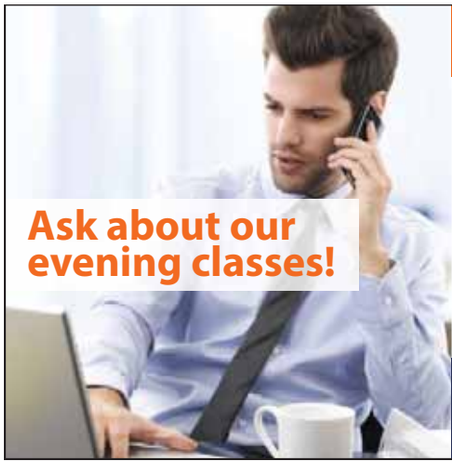
Despite the traumatic robbery, Hanson said the restaurant remains resilient.

"It's business as usual," she said. "We are not afraid."

Chuck Rose, owner of the Hose and Hound, said he has the best employees in the world and his staff members are being really tough about the incident.

Police say the three robbers fled in a black hatchback vehicle following the incident.

Officers have located the vehicle, but the robbers are still at large.



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WILDLIFE

Endangered sage grouse on the rise

There's some rare good news for the critically endangered greater sage grouse, which has had its highest growth rate in 20 years.

The population of the bird, located primarily in Alberta and Saskatchewan, had declined by 98 per cent since 1988, partly due to contact with humans and disease.

In 2014, there were thought to be only 14 males remaining in Alberta, with the total provincial population estimated at about 30 birds. Only six males were counted at active breeding grounds in Saskatchewan.

This year, 35 males were counted in Alberta and 20 were counted in Saskatchewan.

"Just a few years ago, in the absence of any meaningful protection from the provincial and the federal governments, it seemed inevitable that these birds would go extinct in Canada," Cliff Wallis of the Alberta Wilderness Association said Wednesday.

"But now we have reason to hope."

The federal government implemented an emergency protection order for the sage grouse in December 2014. It puts rules in place for 1,700 square kilometres of Crown land in southern Alberta and Saskatchewan.

55

Number of male sage grouse counted in Alberta and Saskatchewan

The emergency protection order grew out of a 2012 court case brought by environmental groups to force Ottawa to live up to its Species At Risk legislation.

The order restricts oil production in areas near the sage grouse's habitat. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Stephanie Martens is one of eight students in the inaugural graduating class of Mount Royal University's midwifery program. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Midwifery grads ready for real life

CAREERS

Students the first from Mount Royal's new program

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

They're students training to be the closest thing to real-life, baby-delivering storks.

And on Thursday, the first eight members of Mount Royal University's Bachelor of Midwifery program will cross the graduation stage and set off to assist expecting mothers.

The joys of the job are easy to see, according to graduate Stephanie Martens.

"It's an experience like no other," she said. "I think I've seen through my experience and through other midwives as well that we really get the ability to empower that family and be able to share those magical moments of families inviting in a new member."

> **"It's definitely one of the most rewarding careers there could be."**
> Stephanie Martens

Midwives provide pre-birth consultation, help arrange for a comfortable setting — often the couple's home — on the big day and then continue to serve in an on-call capacity for up to six weeks afterward.

Mount Royal is the only university in Alberta to offer a midwifery program, making Thursday's festivities all the more important, according to Chad London, dean of the institution's Faculty of Health and Community Studies.

He said there's a "soaring need" for midwives in the province and elsewhere.

"It's only one of seven (programs) in Canada," London said.

"To be able to educate future midwives right here in Alberta, for Alberta, it's critical."

There had been concerns raised in the media about a lack of funding for midwives earlier this year, but London said seven of his grads have locked up positions — Martens, for example, will start her career working in Calgary.

She fell in love with the job while watching a friend train in midwifery in the Philippines.

"It's priceless," Martens said "It's definitely one of the most rewarding careers there could be."

This man was one of hundreds of cyclists to ride the 12 Avenue track on its first day of operation Tuesday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

12th Avenue cycle track numbers hit high gear

PILOT PROJECT

City will weigh five 'primary' performance measures

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

If the volumes of cyclists seen on the first day of Calgary's new cycle track keep up over the next year, the 12 Avenue route will be deemed a success — at least according to one of the main metrics the city will use to evaluate the pilot project come 2016.

A total of 893 bicycle trips were counted along the 12 Avenue cycle track over a 16-hour period during its first day of operation on Tuesday, according to city data.

That exceeds the highest target the city has set for that particular leg of the network. Different targets are set for different segments of the 2.3-kilometre stretch of separated bike lane, but the most ambitious goal for 12 Avenue comes near the busy intersection with 2 Street SW.

There, the city hopes to more than quadruple the number riders in that stretch to at least 800 daily cycle trips, once the full network opens later this month.

An average of 190 daily cycle trips (measured over 16 hours on weekdays) was observed on that stretch of roadway — when it had no protected cycle lane — between September and November last year.

The fourfold increase on 12 Avenue is the most ambitious target; the city has set slightly lower goals for the other segments of the new network.

The aim is to double the number of riders on 5 Street SW, 8 Avenue South and 9 Avenue South. On the Stephen Avenue portion, meanwhile, the target is to triple ridership from last fall's levels.

But bicycle volumes are only one of five "primary" performance measures city council will be asked to consider when it weighs the pilot project in December 2016.

Results of a citizen satisfaction survey will also be considered, as will the rate of collisions along each segment of the network. The goal is to see at least a 10-percent reduction in crashes involving cyclists, motorists and/or pedestrians.

Travel times for motorists will also be factored in. Using GPS measurements and "stopwatch trials," the target is for car commuters' trips to increase by no more than 20 per cent, as measured during rush hour.

The fifth primary measurement is unlawful cycling, with a goal of fewer than two per cent of cyclists on a given stretch riding either on the sidewalk (excluding children 14 and under who are allowed to do so) or the wrong way down the road. This will be measured by both video camera and human observation.

Coun. Sean Chu, one of strongest opponents on council in the lead up to the 8-7 vote that led to the creation of the cycle-track network as a pilot project, said he plans to pay close attention to the data as it comes in.

893
The number of cyclists counted Tuesday on the 12 Avenue cycle track, west of 2 Street SW.

800
The target number of weekday cyclists for that spot, once the full network opens.

190
The average number of weekday cyclists counted at that spot from in fall 2014.

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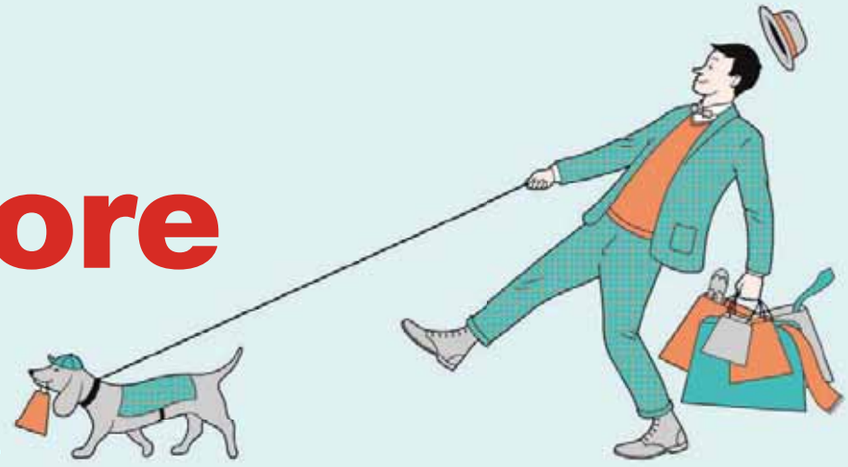

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Mayor takes in kids' eco-inspired ideas

GREEN LIVING

Environment Expo brings out students' clever concepts

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Mayor Naheed Nenshi chats with Owen Clayton, centre, and Ryan Moffatt, right, from St. Catherine school. HELEN PIKE/METRO

They haven't changed the world yet, but when they go home and talk to their parents, Mayor Naheed Nenshi said he hopes the students at the Environment Expo will change some minds and turn more people toward an environmentally conscious lifestyle.

The Municipal Building was smattered with eco inspiration created by young Calgarians this week. From reusing water bottles and composting to an indoor "barrel-ponics" setup, the principles of sustainability and green thinking were well represented in the room.

"Our project is eat local, grow local," said Livia Murray. "The benefit of the barrel-ponics system is that it's local and can be indoors, because Alberta has such a short growing season, so then we can grow fruits and vegetables that we would normally get from ... across the globe."

The project included fish, fruit and vegetables, and Owen Clayton said they plan on keeping it assembled indoors in their computer lab.

In a matching suit and tie, student Ryan Moffatt from St. Catherine School said he was sporting the mayor's classic garb as a sign of support.

"It was really cool that he could come and join us and check out what we're doing," he said.

Moffatt added that, although their presentation to the expo was Wednesday, they aren't finished with their green idea.

He said in the fall they hope to get the community together to can and sell the goods they grow.

Nenshi perused displays from each of the schools, checking in and learning about all of their projects. He said he was impressed by the work on display and even stopped to take a few selfies with excited students.

ART

Community and artists join forces

If you've seen green footprints mysteriously cropping up on Calgary's sidewalks, follow them, and you may be in for a treat.

It's a project that came out of the City of Calgary's inaugural Artists Working In Community course, which city spokesperson Dawn Ford said is designed to help artists and communities work together.

Last year, the Green Footprints project was chosen to connect with CommunityWise, a non-profit community resource centre located in the Old Y building in the Beltline.

The project took the idea of pathways and created an interpretative map to display how people can make their way to CommunityWise.

The three-part project is wrapping up Thursday and, in celebration, the groups are hosting a garden party at the Old Y where Calgarians are encouraged to show up with a pair of used shoes and turn them into planters, one which will stay on site and the other taken home.

For details, visit calgary.ca and search for "Green Footprints."

HELEN PIKE/METRO

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IN BRIEF

Water-main break leads to delays on 5 Avenue

Expect delays if you're travelling on 5 Avenue downtown, as a water-main break has closed the centre lane between 10 Street and 11 Street SW.

The lane is closed for emergency repairs, according to officials with the city's roads department, and will remain closed until further notice.

"Motorists are advised to expect delays in the area," the city said in a release on Wednesday afternoon. METRO

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Olympian to lead Stampede parade

MARSHAL

Gold-medal bobsledder Humphries will realize dream

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro | Calgary

Years ago, four-year-old Kaillie Humphries would roll out of bed at the crack of dawn, just to stake out the best piece of pavement to watch the Calgary Stampede Parade with her family. She remembers buzzing with excitement every year as she waited to see who would lead the parade.

Now, Humphries gets to live out her childhood dream. The two-time Olympic gold medallist will trade her bobsled in for a horse as 2015 parade marshal.

"Most people aren't going to grow up thinking that they want to be the Calgary Stampede parade marshal, but I honestly did," she said. "To be able to go back to that time when you're four, five or six years old, sitting on the sidewalk, and to know that that's going to be me on that horse leading everything, (it's an) experience that I honestly do rank very high on my list of accomplishments."

Bill Gray, president of the Calgary Stampede, said that choosing the parade marshal is a long process, but Humphries is an "inspiration" and he's proud to have her take part.

"We have a Calgarian here with western roots and a western background, who also happens to be the Canadian athlete of the year," he said. "It seems like a pretty easy choice."

Olympic gold medallist Kaillie Humphries will be the parade marshal for the 2015 Calgary Stampede. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

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RACISM

Support swells for eatery over graffiti

The owner of a southeast Calgary restaurant targeted with hateful graffiti earlier this week said he's overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from residents who took a stance against the crime.

Sat Khezri, owner of KOOB The Kabob Factory, said when he saw the graffiti, which read "F—k Islam" in red spray-paint, all he could do was shake his head in disgust. But what happened afterward was positive.

Khezri said he's spoken to numerous people who have put their support behind the restaurant. Mike Dyson, owner of Graffiti Guru, offered to remove the graffiti at a 90-percent discount.

"The outpouring of support from everybody that we've talked to, it just feels so good," Khezri said Wednesday.

He said the support shows the perpetrators, whom he called "small-minded," are totally irrelevant in the community.

Sgt. Eric Levesque, the Calgary Police Service's hate crimes co-ordinator, said the incident is considered a hate crime by definition.

"To have law enforcement treating it like what it is — hate-motivated property damage — and then you have the community supporting the victim and the victim's community … both those things are important in sending a message to offenders that we don't accept that here in the city."

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Sat Khezri, left, and Andy Shibley of KOOB The Kabob Factory are overwhelmed by the support. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

IN BRIEF

Alleged drunk driver who killed two makes bail

A man charged in the deaths of Jillian Lavallee, 25, and Amritpal Kharbanda, 46, has been released on bail.

On Wednesday, Ali Alajandro Montoya was released on a $10,000 cash bail and a $10,000 surety bail alongside a number of strict conditions including a 24-hour house arrest except for work, court and medical emergencies. Montoya will face numerous charges surrounding the two deaths, including impaired driving causing death, at the Calgary Court Centre on Wednesday. His lawyer Alain Hepner said the entire situation is an unfortunate one.

"There's no winners here," he said. "It's a tragedy for both families." Montoya was arrested following an incident on May 2 in which the Cadillac Escalade he was driving ran a red light and smashed into a Honda Civic and then a cab driven by Kharbanda, which was also carrying Lavallee as a passenger. He'll be back in court on June 22. METRO

Probe into frequent fainting

HEALTH

Researchers in Calgary will study causes of condition

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

Crashing to the ground in a dead faint is something that happens to many people once or twice in their lives, but for 46-year-old Angel Redisky, it happens every two weeks.

Redisky, who works as a licensed practical nurse, said it started happening on a frequent basis after she watched her daughter get an epidural.

"It steamrolled from there," Redisky said. "I chalked it up to not enough sleep and maybe too much coffee, but now it's consistently happening every eight to 10 days."

Redisky now has to be supervised most of the time by her 22-year-old daughter Kara, and is unable to spend time with her grandchildren alone.

"She can be standing there and mid-sentence just drop to the ground," Kara said. "It's (supervision) for safety purposes because she's fallen down stairs and in the parking lot before."

Dr. Robert Sheldon visits with fainting patient Angel Redisky, middle, and her daughter Kara. Redisky faints once every two weeks, and so far there are no answers as to why. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

"I'm the mom, she's the child and she's babysitting me," Redisky added with a laugh.

Redisky is currently partaking in a study that seeks to uncover if there's a genetic link attached to people who faint. Dr. Robert Sheldon, an Alberta Health Services cardiologist, said he hopes the study can provide some answers for what has become an unanswerable phenomenon.

> **She can be standing there and mid-sentence just drop to the ground.**
> Kara Redisky on her mother Angel's regular fainting

"It's a mystery," Sheldon said. "We don't have a lot of good treatments for fainting, and for some of our patients it's a big problem."

Sheldon said for common fainters like Redisky, the condition can impact their job, everyday things like driving and can be a serious safety concern.

"My first patient fainted, fell down the cement stairs at the Saddledome and was rushed to intensive care — they can get really hurt," he said. "The question is, how do you stop this?"

Looking for 200 more participants to complete the study, researchers are comparing the genes of 1,000 people who faint versus 1,000 people who don't.

IN BRIEF

Mayor visits New York, returns optimistic about Alberta's economic future

The mayor of Calgary says he has come back from a trade mission to New York optimistic about investments in his city and the province. Naheed Nenshi said there were a lot of questions about Alberta's new NDP government.

Nenshi said companies remain bullish — not just about the oilsands — but also about natural gas and conventional oil. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former Norway minister: Alberta should copy Alberta on oil royalties

A former Norwegian finance minister says Alberta's new government should take inspiration from the same place the Scandinavian country found it — Alberta.

Kristin Halvorsen says Norway looked to Alberta's Heritage Trust Fund when the country was deciding what to do with its North sea oil in the 1980s. She says Norway's fund is now worth about one trillion dollars. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Reconciliation must be a priority: Sinclair

ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

Parliament talk focuses on duty to act after report's release

Prime Minister Stephen Harper listened in silence Wednesday as the head of an exhaustive study of residential schools and their dark legacy urged all levels of government to make reconciliation and healing a top priority.

The results of that study demand a political response, said Justice Murray Sinclair, the chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that was established in 2007 to document the tragic history of residential schools in Canada.

Harper and Sinclair were among a large gathering of politicians, commissioners, residential-school survivors and members of the aboriginal community who gathered at Rideau Hall to formally close the commission's work. Neither Harper, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt nor Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq spoke at the event.

"The nearly 7,000 people who shared and recorded their experiences and reflections with us have talked about the connections between their residential-school experiences and many things that remain," Sinclair said.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper hugs Elder Evelyn Commanda-Dewache, a residential-school survivor, during the closing ceremony of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Wednesday in Ottawa. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANDIAN PRESS

It's the commission's responsibility to share these stories, he continued.

A summary of the commission's findings, which concluded that Canada's residential-school era constituted "cultural genocide," was released Tuesday. Along with it came 94 extensive recommendations that amounted to a comprehensive overhaul of the Crown's relationship with Aboriginal Peoples.

Since then, the daily question period has been dominated by debate about the extent of the government's duty to act on those recommendations — one of which was to adopt the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

And for a second straight day, the government refused to acknowledge the commission's use of the phrase "cultural genocide," despite prodding from the opposition.

New Democrat Leader Tom Mulcair said an NDP government would put a "filter" on its decisions to ensure they respect First Nations treaty rights and obligations and embark on a "vast consultation" on aboriginal education. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PARLIAMENT SHOOTING

Canada 'ill prepared' for terror attacks: OPP

As Michael Zehaf Bibeau ran toward the Centre Block on Oct. 22, the RCMP had more than one chance to stop him.

An officer in a cruiser could have blocked Zehaf Bibeau's path to the Centre Block but for a woman pushing a stroller who tried to jump into the car for safety.

A radio alert that a gunman was on Parliament Hill was so garbled that no one understood it. And the majority of security forces are stationed inside the Parliament Buildings, not outside. None of the officers stationed on the grounds stopped the gunman — the result, the RCMP say, of systemic security issues, not human error.

"There is nobody from our perspective that is to blame for this," said RCMP assistant commissioner Gilles Michaud. He added no one has been disciplined for their actions on Oct. 22.

Yet the events from last October remain a "grim reminder that Canada is ill prepared" to stop terrorist attacks, with the RCMP suffering a lack of "planning, training and resources" to protect the Parliament buildings, a long-awaited Ontario Provincial Police report says.

"Fortunately," the report says, "the attacker was unorganized."

Had Zehaf Bibeau been better prepared, "the end results could have been much worse with the likelihood of many more casualties" and "devastating results." THE CANADIAN PRESS

RESOURCES

The OPP report says the RCMP's ability to protect Parliament Hill has been stretched by resource issues stemming from budget cuts imposed in 2012 by the government.

CAMPAIGN

Mulcair to promise more funds for cities

NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair is promising to give Canadian cities dramatically more federal funding to pay for urban infrastructure, a big-ticket pledge that would help fuel Toronto's transit expansion, Torstar News Service has learned.

Mulcair is expected to make the promise Saturday when he speaks to municipal leaders gathered in Edmonton at the annual conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The NDP is proposing to start by giving cities an extra cent of the federal gas tax, which would mean an extra $420 million a year.

They are vowing to boost funding by $1.5 billion by the end of their first term, meaning a total of $3.7 billion a year dedicated to "core infrastructure," according to a draft NDP document. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Moms tackle online recruiters

EXTREMISM

Berlin-based group targets radicalized children

A group of Western mothers whose children have joined the Islamic State and other extremists in Syria and Iraq appealed Wednesday for them to return home, quoting from the Qur'an. The group has Muslim and non-Muslim members from seven countries including Canada, France and the U.S.

In an open letter posted on social media websites, members of Berlin-based Mothers for Life called on their sons and daughters to recall that Islam requires them to honour their parents and spare them suffering.

"Even if you think death will give you that 'better' life, remember that even the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) said: 'Paradise lies at the feet of your mother,"' the letter said. "By leaving us against our will to give up your own life and take those of others, you have put our struggle, pain and honour under your feet and walked over it."

"Social media right now seems to be their strength in recruiting our youth," said Calgary mother Christianne Boudreau, whose 22-year-old son Damian Clairmont was killed in Syria last year. "We've got to fight fire with fire."

Mothers for Life website: *http://www.girds.org/projects/mothers-for-life-network*

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Christianne Boudreau's son Damian Clairmont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE PENTAGON

51 labs possibly got live anthrax liquid

The U.S. military is struggling to tally up the number of live anthrax samples it might inadvertently have shipped out to research labs over the years — including some in Canada.

It will take days to account for all the erroneously mailed batches, the military said at a news conference Wednesday at the Pentagon.

The scope of the apparent error has mushroomed and includes at least two labs in Manitoba and Alberta that received potentially contaminated experiment kits.

"We will find more labs, we will find more lots," said Cmdr. Franca Jones, director of the military's chemical and biological defence programs.

"(But) I don't believe we'll find that there are 1,000 labs out there that have received this material."

396

The number of suspect batches of anthrax bacteria the Pentagon is still testing.
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In the week since the military acknowledged the error, the number of cases has surged. Just last week, the military had identified 24 labs in 11 states as having received potentially faulty test kits. By Wednesday, that had grown to 51 laboratories in 17 states as well as Canada, Australia and South Korea.

The good news, officials insisted, is that there's no widespread threat: "We believe that the risk is zero for the general public," said defence undersecretary Frank Kendall.

During Wednesday's news conference, a demonstration showed how one-millilitre vials of liquid anthrax were sealed in plastic bags, then swathed in an absorbent wrapper and placed in a polycarbonate container that was packaged in dry ice and finally put in a box for shipment.

Any threat would be to lab workers opening those packages and working with the contents, officials said. Even then, the anthrax samples were in liquid form — not powder. That limits the risk of airborne exposure, which is far more lethal than skin contact.

Pentagon officials said there's no indication of criminal intent so far. But something went wrong with several batches: they were supposed to be blasted with gamma rays, to kill the bacteria. Not only were they not properly irradiated — they were then mislabelled and finally distributed. A preliminary report is expected within 30 days.

U.S. officials have begun testing 400 batches of lab anthrax distributed over the last decade. At least four batches were contaminated with live anthrax. There could be many more. Among the remaining 396, none has yet cleared the 10-day period required for a conclusive, negative test.

Nor can they confirm how many individual lab units the average batch contained.

At-risk batches were linked to three kits sent to Canada: one to Winnipeg's National Microbiology Laboratory and two sent in August 2007 to a research facility in Suffield, Alta.

The kits are used to test a lab's proficiency at detecting pathogens.

There are no reports of illness linked to the shipments in Canada. The Winnipeg lab said in an email that its kit has been moved to a higher security area in the centre.

Four people at labs in Delaware, Texas and Wisconsin have been told to get antibiotics as a precaution, but were not ill. U.S. officials said 22 people at a base in South Korea were being treated for possible exposure.

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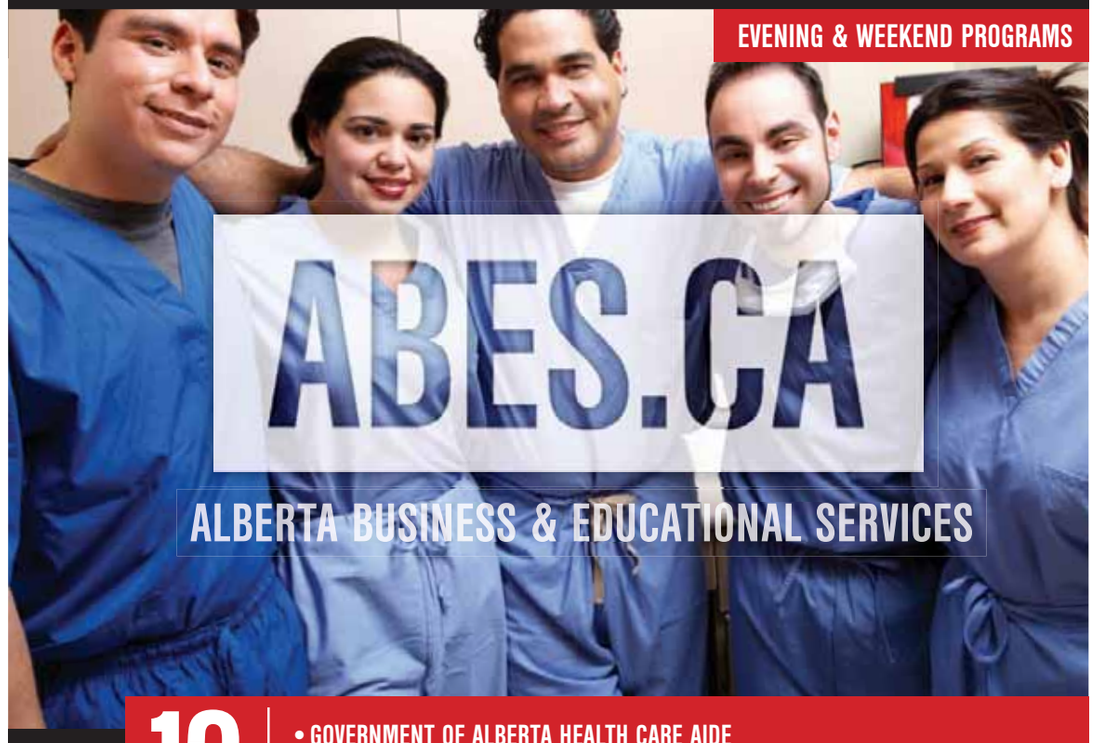

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$10M payment was not a bribe: Sports minister

SOUTH AFRICA

Fikile Mbalula says money was for soccer development

South Africa's sports minister "categorically" denied on Wednesday that the $10 million paid to former FIFA official Jack Warner in 2008 was a bribe for his help in securing the World Cup.

Fikile Mbalula, however, said he couldn't say what Warner did with the money, which South Africa claims was "above board" and meant for soccer development in the Caribbean region.

What happened to the cash is "another story for investigators.... We don't know," Mbalula said. "We can't account for that."

Mbalula repeated the South African government's denials that the country paid bribes to win the right to host the 2010 tournament, as alleged in indictments from the U.S. Department of Justice. South Africa's government — and former president Thabo Mbeki — first denied any wrongdoing in the bid process last week.

The Justice Department believes that $10 million was sent by South Africa, through FIFA, to Warner in three wire transfers in 2008 as payback for him and two other then-FIFA executive committee members for backing South Africa in the 2004 vote. South Africa won the World Cup by four votes over Morocco, making the ballots of Warner and his two "co-conspirators" decisive.

Mbalula characterized the $10 million as an "above board payment" to help the game in the Caribbean.

Mbalula also insisted that the South African government had not contradicted itself after the emergence of a leaked letter from then-South African Football Association president Molefi Oliphant in 2008 asking FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke to send the $10 million to Warner from South Africa's World Cup funds.

South Africa's sports minister Fikile Mbalula speaks during a news conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Wednesday. THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oliphant twice specified in the letter that the implicated Warner be in control of the money.

"The letter leaked to the media; we don't know why it was leaked in the first place because that correspondence was above board," Mbalula said, denying it suggested a bribe was paid. "Criminals can explain a bribe very well. I don't know how bribes work."

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CAPSIZED SHIP

China searches for 410 missing in river

Chinese authorities deployed scores more divers and a large crane as they escalated efforts Wednesday to recover more than 410 people believed to be trapped inside an overturned river cruise ship.

The capsizing late Monday of the multi-decked Eastern Star in the Yangtze River is on track to become the country's deadliest maritime disaster in seven decades. Chinese authorities have launched a high-profile response while tightly controlling media coverage. Premier Li Keqiang, the country's No. 2 political leader, has travelled to the disaster site in the Hubei province county of Jianli, where he urged "all-out," 24-7 efforts.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said the bodies of 26 victims have been pulled from the boat. Fourteen people survived, some of them by swimming ashore and three by being pulled out of the ship by rescuers on Tuesday.

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IN BRIEF

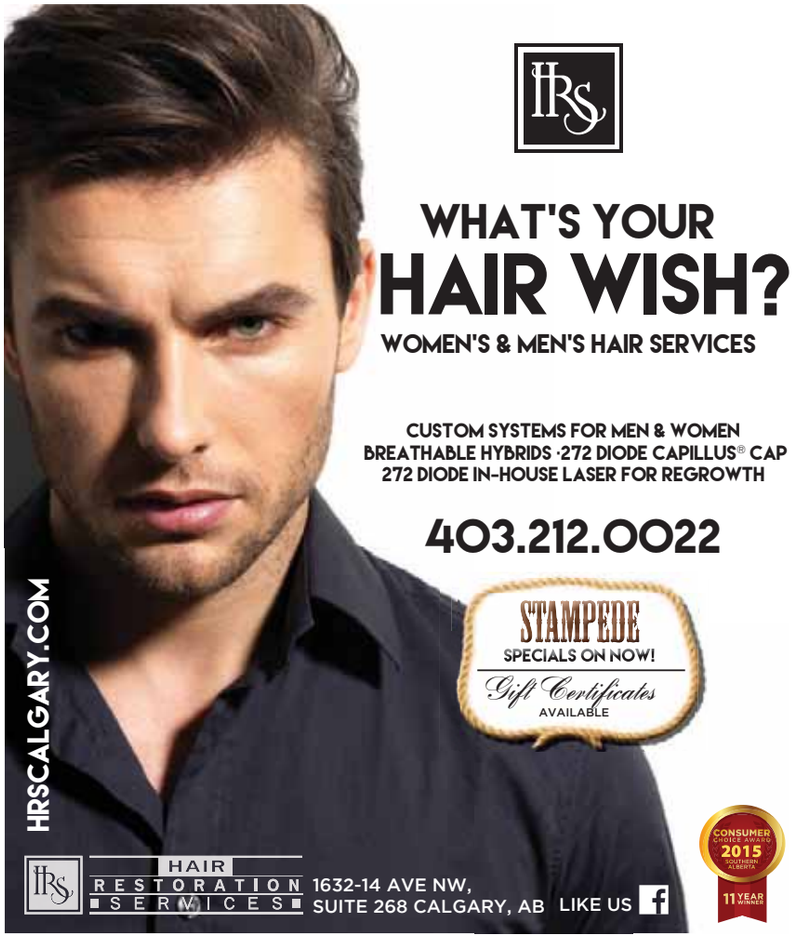
Boston terror suspect not shot in back: Leaders

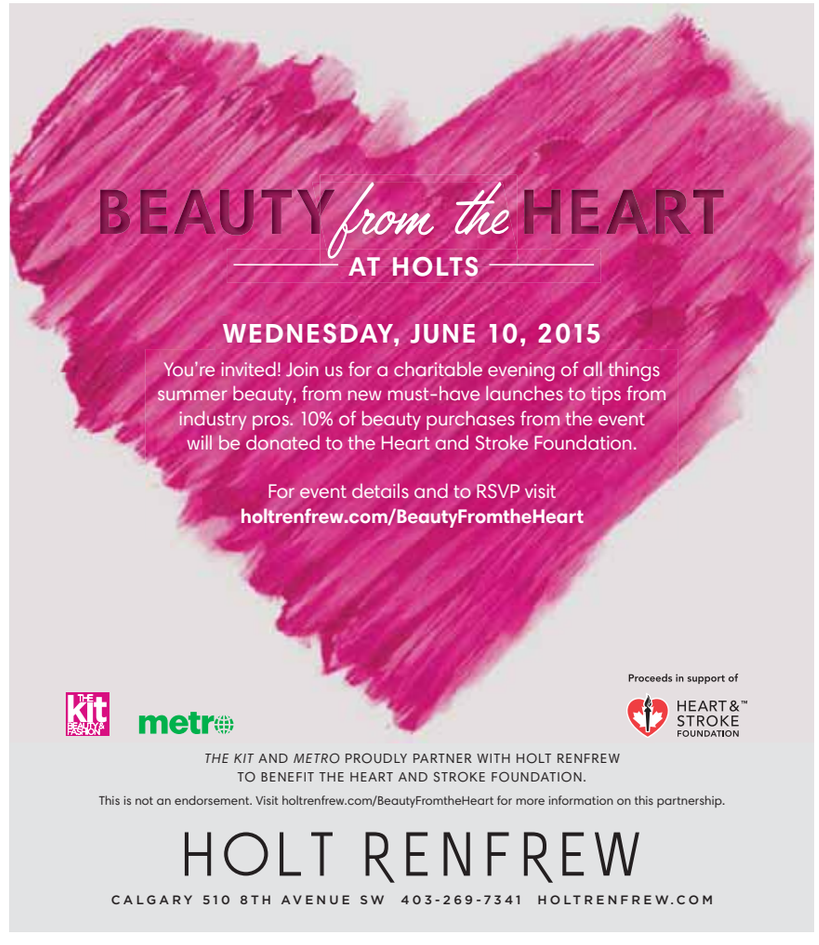
A leader of Boston's African-American community said Wednesday that a police video of the fatal shooting of a terror suspect makes clear he "was not shot in the back."

Darnell Williams, head of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, said after viewing the video that he could "150 per cent corroborate" the police account of how the officers engaged with Usaama Rahim.

Boston Police Commissioner William Evans said officers confronted him because "military and law-enforcement lives were at threat."

Rahim had talked with another suspect about "committing beheadings" and "harming police officers," a law-enforcement official familiar with the investigation said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Polish President-elect Andrzej Duda celebrates his surprise win as early exit polls come in on May 24. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Voters defy predictions

POLLING

Forecasters failed to gauge Israel, Poland, U.K. elections

These are tough times for political pollsters.

In recent elections in Israel, Britain and Poland, pre-election polls failed spectacularly to predict actual results, sending shock waves through entire nations on election night. Now many research pollsters are analyzing these fiascos in search of ways to do better.

In Britain, Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservatives won a clear victory on May 7 after polls had predicted a near-tie with Labour, generating expectations of a hung parliament. A day after the election, the British Polling Council launched an inquiry into the polls' inaccuracies.

In Poland, the Association of Market and Opinion Research Organizations, said that it plans to carry out a similar evaluation after a presidential election in which the incumbent, Bronislaw Komorowski, lost to a little-known challenger, following surveys that for months suggested an easy re-election.

In Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party won after polls showed the opposition Zionist Union ahead. Leading pollsters in Israel said the discrepancy had more to do with last-minute voter shifts than with any flaws in the polls.

So far, there are no clear conclusions on where thing went wrong in Poland and the U.K.

But experts point to several factors — a key one being political correctness. In short, people lie to pollsters because they are ashamed to admit their true intentions.

In Poland, people may have been embarrassed to admit they were voting for the right-wing presidential challenger, saying instead they supported the more moderate incumbent.

In Britain, there appears to be the phenomenon of "shy Tories" — people who secretly intended to vote Conservative, a party still stigmatized as "mean," telling pollsters they'll vote for the more socially progressive Labour.

Professor Leighton Vaughan Williams, director of the Betting Research Unit and the Political Forecasting Unit at Nottingham Business School, also points to how lack of enthusiasm in one camp can distort polling data. He spoke of a "lethargic Labour" effect in Britain, with Labour Party voters not turning out in the expected numbers.

"They stayed home. They weren't lying to the pollsters but, in a sense, they were lying to themselves," he said.

In Britain's election, the bookies proved to be a much more accurate predictor of the election results than opinion polls. Vaughan Williams explained that the betting markets are more accurate because they take account of all polls as well as other information.

"The betting market is like one mind that combines the collective wisdom of everybody," he said.

Polling insiders say they have been aware for years of methodological pitfalls of their research and constantly seek ways to overcome them.

One problem is the falling number of households with home phones, which most pollsters call. That could skew results by leaving out younger voters more likely to have only cellphones.

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THE MONARCHY

The Queen is, oops, Long live the Queen!

Buckingham Palace took the unusual step Wednesday of confirming that the Queen went to a hospital for her annual medical checkup after social media comments touched off speculation on her health.

The rare statement on a private matter for the Queen came after a tweet posted on the account of a BBC journalist said the 89-year-old monarch was being treated in the hospital and that more details would follow.

The tweet, which used a "breaking news" tag, was sent during a BBC rehearsal for the monarch's obituary, suggesting that the sender mistook the exercise for the real thing.

Screen grabs from social media suggest that a second tweet reported that the monarch had died. The journalist deleted the tweets.

"I can confirm that the Queen this morning attended her annual medical checkup at the King Edward VII's Hospital in London," said a palace representative, who spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

"This was a routine, prescheduled appointment. The Queen has now left hospital."

The commotion served merely to underscore the esteem in which the country holds Elizabeth II, who was crowned 62 years ago. News about her health is followed closely.

"During a technical rehearsal for an obituary, tweets were mistakenly sent from the account of a BBC journalist saying that a member of the royal family had been taken ill," the BBC said in a statement.

"The tweets were swiftly deleted and we apologize for any offence."

The journalist, Ahmen Khawaja, is facing disciplinary action. She apologized for what she described as a "false alarm."

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Apple set to launch streaming service

Apple is reportedly ready to unveil its new streaming music service next week at the company's annual Worldwide Developer Conference.

Reportedly called Apple Music, the new product is based on Beats Music service which the company acquired in August 2014 for $3 billion US.

While it feels like Apple is arriving late to a market with many streaming services, there is still a large opportunity. Market leader Spotify claims 60 million users worldwide, but only 15 million of those are actually paid subscriptions.

By comparison, there are more than 800 million iTunes accounts, which gives Apple a huge amount of leverage. The company is hoping to convert its customers who download music into music streamers.

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IN BRIEF

Families' net worth up 73%
Statistics Canada says the average net worth of Canadian families rose 73 per cent between 1999 and 2012 to an average of $554,100 from $319,800. The top 20 per cent saw their net worth rise 80 per cent, climbing from $721,900 to $1,300,100.
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U.S. city leaders keen on sharing economy

PEER-TO-PEER SERVICES

But two-thirds are worried about safety, survey finds

While the traditional taxi industry opposes ride-share companies, most of the 245 U.S. city leaders polled said they want to see the "sharing economy" grow. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

American cities are enticed by the economic growth and services that "sharing economy" companies such as Airbnb, Uber and Lyft can offer, but officials are anxious about safety in a largely unregulated realm, a city advocacy group found in a study released Wednesday.

Nearly three-quarters of city leaders said they want to see the "sharing" sector grow, according to National League of Cities survey responses from 245 leaders of municipalities large and small.

Yet nearly two-thirds said they were concerned about the safety of using apps and websites that let everyday people rent out rooms, arrange car rides and provide other services to strangers. More than half the cities said they imposed no rules on "sharing" players, though their traditional counterparts — like hotels and taxi companies — often are regulated.

While 71 per cent of cities said they supported sharing-economy growth, leaders embrace ride-hailing apps more readily than short-term home rentals, by 66 per cent to 44 per cent. In general, cities see the biggest benefits as improved services (rated No. 1 one by 22 per cent) and economic expansion (20 per cent). Smaller numbers cited entrepreneurship, efficiency, tourism and constituents' enthusiasm.

Sixty-one per cent of cities said safety was their top concern about peer-to-peer services. Just 10 per cent or fewer named any other potential problem.

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GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS

Oil, gas firms demonize coal

Chemistry books say there are three fossil fuels: coal, oil and natural gas. Lately you could get the impression that coal is the only one.

As a global agreement to rein in climate-warming carbon emissions draws closer, oil and gas companies are increasingly talking about coal as the problem and describing themselves as a crucial part of the solution, together with renewable energy sources.

The coal industry has resisted counter-strikes against its fellow fossil fuels, opting instead to highlight new technologies that improve the efficiency of coal-fired power plants or capture their CO_2 emissions.

The split in the fossil-fuel family represents a shift from the last time the world negotiated a climate agreement: the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. Back then, big oil and coal companies had more of a united front.

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"It certainly has been a year of change, transition and uncertainty," says Wes Scott, executive vice-president, dmg events, the organizers of the GPS. "But what is certain is that while the industry is down, companies recognize that being in front of their customers and suppliers is key to sustaining their place in the market."

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As the energy industry weathers a drastic downturn in the price of oil, the theme of the 2015 GPS is Reimagine, Reinvent, Reposition.

"Industry is taking a grassroots approach and operating on leaner, more efficient ways to do business," Scott says.

"And a downturn provides the industry to take stock and address immediate ways to help the industry recover."

The weeklong show is a big economic driver, providing more than $69 million in economic impact to Calgary and facilitating almost $9 billion in business transactions.

This year's show offers an opportunity to get a peek at the energy industry at work with a new feature called drilling site experience.

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"The success of Global Petroleum Show can be attributed to the fact that the industry continues to strive for excellence in innovative technology, maximizing operations, and trying to minimize the impact on environment," Scott says. "It's really the people in the industry that are the driving force, and they recognize that GPS is the one meeting place every year that they can get together to discuss the challenges."

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David Cadrin started working in oil and gas in 1980. Over the decades, he was always amazed to see that, despite the best efforts at non-thermal, non-bituminous heavy oil recovery, 90 per cent of the oil was left in the ground.

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"This is when I discovered that horizontal wells were only recovering about the same volume as an offsetting vertical well, even though the horizontal well contacted a million times more reservoir," Cadrin says. "I had to know why, as my gut suggested this could be the way to increasing cold heavy oil recovery."

His gut was right. Using his decades of experience and industry published papers, Cadrin developed a technique of sequencing re-completions from toe to heel in heavy oil horizontal wells. His technique, which is in the early stages of commercialization, allows producers to use their existing technology to increase their primary extraction by 30 per cent or more.

David Cadrin. CONTRIBUTED

"This is the fifth downturn I have experienced," Cadrin says.

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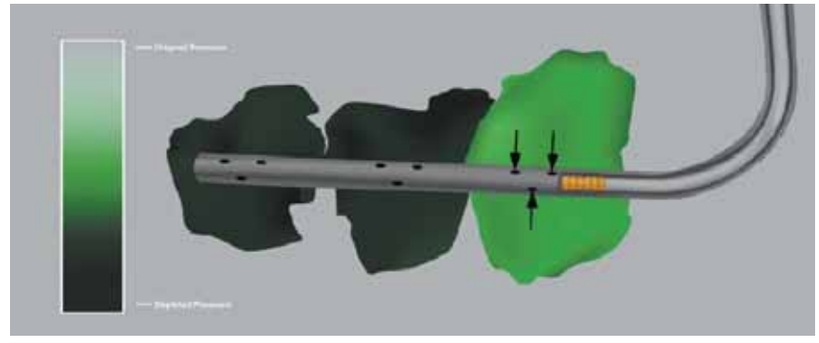

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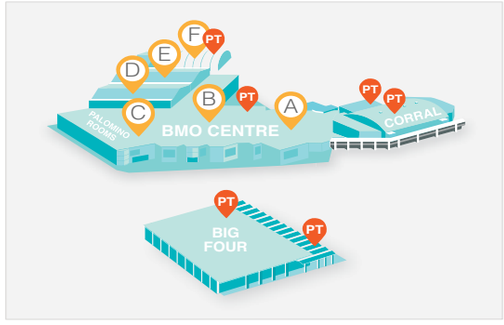

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TOG Systems will weather the storm

See mobile communications trailer first-hand

TOG Systems, one of the most trusted and reliable communications providers in Western Canada, started in a home office with two people and a mission to improve the Internet and cellular service on remote drilling sites.

Now, 12 years later, the company has more than 20 full-time employees and a fierce focus on innovation and new technology.

"We are continually scanning the industry for better equipment, better technologies and better services that we can provide to our customers," says Walter Nordhagen, TOG Systems' president.

And the company is looking forward to demonstrating its latest and greatest at the Global Petroleum Show. The pCom® XL, TOG Systems' mobile communications trailer, is unlike anything you will find on the Canadian market.

"Over the past year, we have been adding and testing new components from a surveillance camera to a microwave dish," Nordhagen says. "We are very excited about these modifications and know our customers and others in the industry will be interested to see them first-hand and in motion."

TOG Systems, which recently opened an office in Calgary, will also use the show to demonstrate other unique products, including a new proprietary long-range wireless phone system, one of the most reliable, secure and powerful phone systems in the oil and gas industry.

Nordhagen says the company is using the slowdown in the oil and gas industry to "catch our breath" and focus on projects that have been set aside for a while, such as finalizing some new products and providing more training for field technicians.

"Keeping them up-to-date on the latest technology is very important and we will be holding several training clinics over the summer," he says.

The slowdown has also provided the opportunity for TOG Systems to get out to remote drilling sites and spend additional time on sites looking for efficiencies and site optimization.

"We understand the pressures everyone in the industry is under and we are doing what we can to assist our customers. We are here for the long haul and are committed to weathering the storm with them."

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Did I mention an inspiring ceremony and more than a few solemn commitments followed the (1996) Erasmus-Dussault report? To look at this week's headlines and the fresh start they allude to is to take a trip back in time.

Underwhelmed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's noncommittal response to the remedial prescriptions of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission? Consider this: when Jean Chrétien was handed a similarly devastating royal commission report, it took him a year to respond with a formal apology for the mistreatment of Canada's aboriginal peoples.

It was another seven years before the ruling Liberals put together a comprehensive action plan.

Set up in the dying days of Brian Mulroney's tenure, the royal commission headed by George Erasmus and René Dussault spent five years on the report it handed the Chrétien government in 1996.

At 4,000 pages, it set a royal commission record as the most voluminous of its kind.

There were suggestions this week that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission — with 94 recommendations — has taken on more than anyone could chew. But Erasmus and Dussault had 400 recommendations.

As a measure of progress, the lesser number of prescriptions of this week's commission report is a red herring. The two commissions came at the issue from different angles and there were 20 years between them, but their core findings are depressingly similar.

Did I mention that an inspiring ceremony and more than a few solemn commitments marked the politically well-attended publication of the Erasmus-Dussault report? To look at this week's headlines and the fresh start they allude to is to take a trip back in time.

The fiscal climate was not auspicious for the 20-year plan the Dussault-Erasmus commission put forward in 1996. The federal budget was still awash in red ink. The report came a year after the Quebec referendum, at a time when the Chrétien government had its hands full with the unity file.

It was almost another decade before the federal government under Paul Martin teamed up with the provinces and the aboriginal leadership to come up with a comprehensive response.

By that time, Canada has raked in budget surpluses for a number of years. Among other things, the ruling Liberals delivered tax cuts for all, a new child benefit for families, a major reinvestment in health care and seed money for a national child-care initiative before they turned their attention to the aboriginal file and the 2005 negotiation of the Kelowna Accord.

At that point, they were on their last legs in power. Martin's minority government took the Kelowna Accord to its opposition grave a few months later.

All comparisons have limitations, but the repeat false starts on the aboriginal front — which also include at least two failed constitutional attempts — stand in sharp contrast with the energy marshalled on other Canadian game-changing policies.

Take Canada's transition to linguistic duality.

Alarmed by the rise of Quebec nationalism, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson set up the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism in 1963.

In an interim report published two years later, it drew a less-than-flattering portrait of the country's linguistic landscape and the second-class status of the French language and those who spoke it in Quebec and elsewhere in Canada.

By the time of its official report in 1969, Parliament was already moving forward with the Official Languages Act. Ontario had set out to expand its French-language school system. The first French-immersion schools were about to open.

Or take, on another front, the social-policy revolution that was the introduction of a national medicare system in the 1960s. It took about a decade for Canada to implement it in every province.

As comprehensive as the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission may be, is anyone really arguing that their implementation would require more heavy lifting than that involved in putting French on a more equal footing with English within Canada's institutions and education systems?

Their price tag pales in comparison with the start-up cost of a coast-to-coast-to-coast universal healthcare system.

This is a federation that has largely managed to talk its way out of serious unity challenges and come up with an intercultural model that, while not perfect, works better than most.

But at the same time, inertia has increasingly become the default response of governments to both emerging and enduring challenges.

And that begs one question: when did Canada lose the political will to change its ways?

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: Turning off the tap

Californians cut their water use **13.5 per cent** in April compared to the same month in 2013 — impressive, but short of the target of up to **36 per cent** in some communities. By law, businesses, farms and families are all watching their water waste. Mandatory restrictions are in place to help the state get through the worst drought in its history.

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The Briefcase is a twisted new low for reality television

"What would you do if $101,000 landed on your doorstep?"

That, in a honey-toned voice-over, is the premise of a new reality TV series that makes me want to puke.

The Briefcase exploits families in financial hardship by offering them money and then forcing them to choose whether to be generous and give the cash to others who are also struggling.

"They'll learn it's not the money but the journey that will teach them what they value most," the voice-over intones.

What a twisted new low for reality TV.

Disclaimer: I don't like watching obese British teens hunt in a Borneo jungle (Can Fat Teens Hunt?) or Swedes navigate life without democracy (Dictator).

But I get that many people do. Reality TV shows were three of the top five programs watched in Canada in late May, according to Numeris. That's despite a ratings dip in the U.S., where slick dramas are pulling in top advertising dollars.

"Reality TV isn't going anywhere," Stuart Coxe, a reality TV producer and owner of Antica Productions, told me. "Mostly because people watch it."

That's true for The Briefcase, which drew 6.87 million viewers to its premiere last week, according to AdWeek.

"Like it or not, there's some entertainment value," said AdWeek editor Lisa Granatstein.

I definitely do not like it.

But this isn't a hate-on for all reality TV. I don't, as Coxe describes the non-viewers, "assume it's an incredibly vulgar, demeaning thing that's corroding our culture."

"(It) actually deals with a lot more facets of the modern condition more quickly than scripted (TV) can," he argues.

The most popular shows also "play up the dignity of ordinary people and have more of a redemptive narrative," he said.

The Briefcase is certainly angling for redemption, mixing sentimental guitar riffs under people crying at the thought of financial stability. But it won't work.

Reality shows create a moral universe, Coxe noted, and the Briefcase's universe is way off.

In it, poverty's ills aren't alleviated by health care, jobs or housing — but by a generous heart. In it, the only truly good people are the monk-like selfless poor.

That is crazy, especially since CBS, which makes the show, took in $13.81 billion in revenue last year.

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The casual revolution

It's fashionable to be comfortable ... call it 'comfortcore'

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Who says you have to suffer for fashion? "Comfort" is the buzzword in style these days — comfortcore, if you will — as more and more women choose to kick up (and off) their heels in oversized knits, drawstring bottoms and the ever-practical sneaker.

"Casual and 'athleisure' have taken on a life of their own," declared the NPD Group in a report showing a one per cent increase in total U.S. apparel, footwear and accessories sales from 2013 to 2014 — an additional $2 billion the market researchers attributed largely to growth in sales of activewear, athletic performance footwear, and bags.

The spillover of the dressed-down look from the gym to the streets reflects a change in the way we look at fitness and health, says Alexandra Grant, fashion and lifestyle blogger at To Vogue or Bust. "Fitness and health have had this almost renaissance in terms of being stylish," she says, and back in vogue is the athletic body type exalted in the '80s and early '90s before the waif fad took hold. "I think as health in general and a healthy body type has had a resurgence, people are also celebrating that sort of casual dress that goes with it."

So how does one do comfortcore? Here's a roundup of essentials:

1 Cargo and go

The military-style jacket offers coverage against the elements and a relaxed feel — but don't go overboard with the rugged theme. As Grant says, "The best way to do (the athleisure trend) is to really not alter the rest of your look at all; just infuse one piece at a time." Matching a boxy jacket with a sleek top and heels will ensure you look ready to hit the boardwalk, not the barracks.

>> Intrepid jacket by Gentle Fawn, $145

2 Room to breathe

The skinny pant may be ubiquitous, but when it comes to comfort, it's hard to beat the drawstring pant — loose-fitting, lightweight and, best of all, adjustable. Go from lounging on the couch to stepping out for brunch in a cinch, pun intended.

>> Mojave pant by Gentle Fawn, $105

3 Summer of the sneaker

It's more fun hitting the hot pavement in a sturdy pair of kicks — and it's an easy look for comfortcore beginners, too. "If you would typically wear ballet slippers with skinny jeans and a leather jacket, you can just swap in your New Balance sneakers," says Grant. Pairing high-tops with a flouncy sundress also offers a contrast that gives the outfit a visual pop.

>> Chuck Taylor All Star '70 by Comme des Garçons Play x Converse, $155 (available in mid-June)

4 That '80s look

Like the jumpsuit and prodigious shoulder pads before it, the slouchy sweater has risen from the neon-coloured ashes of the MTV decade. "I love the look of oversized, sort of '80s-inspired sweaters, just the really classic grey fleece ones," says Grant. She suggests pairing it with leather leggings in the winter, and in the summer, a feminine skirt or shorts — anything with "that kind of delicate touch to it, to give it a nice balance."

>> Aloma crew sweatshirt by Roots, $74

5 They've got you covered

Did someone say granny panties? That's right — the comfortcore movement is underway among undies too, with a burgeoning market for fuller, high-waisted styles.

>> Feminist underwear by Me and You, $25 US

6 Neat little package

Accessories are keeping it casual, too. "Incorporating a backpack into your look is really on-trend right now," says Grant. "It encourages you to move a bit more — get on your bike and look stylish while doing it."

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Fan fic that gives a royal fug

SUMMER READING

Fug Girls take Will and Kate's romance for a novel romp

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When a little Kate Middleton fan fiction sweeps you off your feet and leaves you curled up on the loveseat binge-reading for the better part of the first gorgeous long weekend of the year, you know you've found the perfect summer read.

That was me on Victoria Day weekend, being royally entertained by The Royal We, a fictionalized recap of a decade-long royal romance, on a holiday honouring a 19th-century royal.

Leave it to Heather Cocks and Jessica Morgan, the "fashion assassins" behind the delightfully snarky celebrity style blog Go Fug Yourself, to take the most talked-about romance of this century and twist it into a page turner of a novel. (Full disclosure: I once tweeted @fuggirls a photo of Kate looking impossibly elegant mid-air while playing field hockey in a tartan McQ by McQueen coatdress.)

> **We felt very free to just start making stuff up**
> Co-author Jessica Morgan

Cocks and Morgan's The Royal We (Grand Central Publishing, $29) reimagines Will and Kate's story with American exchange student Rebecca as the commoner who finds herself falling for Prince Nicholas, heir to the British throne, when she spends a year at Oxford.

The idea of turning a fairy tale come true back into fiction arose organically out of a conversation the authors had with their agent, Morgan says, in a phone interview from Los Angeles.

"At the time we were just shooting the breeze talking about Kate Middleton. She makes everything look very easy, but we were saying that the reality can't be easy. It must be very difficult to live in that bright a spotlight," says Morgan.

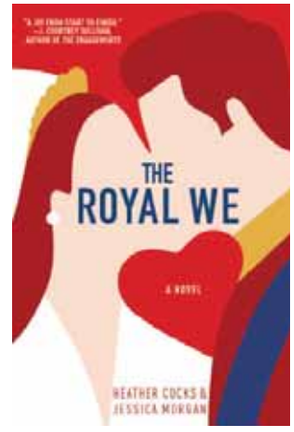
"We started talking about how surreal it must have been for her to go from being a wealthy person — but a very regular middle-class, civilian girl — to being married to Prince William and what that transition must have been like for her."

The Royal We is based on Kate and William, she says, "but once we started writing it, Nick and Bex became their own people for us. We used the main signposts of their relationship, the length of it, the meeting at university but, obviously, none of us really know what happens behind closed doors."

"Because so much of the book is about their private life I think we felt very free to just start making stuff up."

Bex has a twin sister, Lacey, and Nick a roguish younger brother named Freddie — siblings who create complications for the couple — and there is, of course, Nick and Freddie's rather formidable grandmother, Queen Eleanor, all Royal We characters who are clearly based in fact.

Kate and William on their wedding day. GETTY IMAGES



Authors Heather Cocks, left, and Jessica Morgan. INSTAGRAM

"But the tertiary royal family characters are very fictional," says Morgan.

"I think if William and Kate were to read the book — which obviously I hope they're reading it right now," Morgan says, laughing, "I think they would like it.

"It's a sympathetic take on what they go through, actually."

The Royal We is the first adult novel for Cocks and Morgan. In addition to creating Go Fug Yourself, the duo have also co-authored two young adult books, Spoiled and Messy.

The pair met online when they were both writing for Television Without Pity, now defunct, but in the early 2000's the big clearing-house for recaps on the Internet.

When Heather got a job in Los Angeles, Morgan says, "I was like, I'll take you out for a drink, and I did. The rest is history. We really hit it off. We've been friends ever since."

And co-writers.

"People wonder how we do it," says Morgan. "For us it really doesn't feel that unnatural simply because we've worked together for so long. On the blog, our 11th birthday — Canada Day, actually — is coming up, and so it doesn't feel that strange for us."

"We have the whole book plotted out very, very carefully. And then we trade. I will write until I get sick of writing, working on a couple of chapters," says Morgan. "Then I'll give it to Heather.

"Heather will edit what I wrote, and then she'll write a big old chunk and she'll send it back me, and we'll start the cycle all over again. So we are writing solitarily but we just trade back and forth," she says. "It's like we didn't each write half the book, we each wrote the whole book."

"You don't want to get your writing partner's chunk back and realize she's killed off someone you need for later," Morgan says, laughing.

That attention to detail not only grounds the story but gives The Royal We its zing. Bex and Nick bond over junk treats and Netflix binges of a trash TV show, long before she falls for him. That the course of their love doesn't run smooth is a given. It's the naughty and darker bits that are unexpectedly nice.

The Royal We is a confection of a tale, but a satisfying one, a romantic romp carried by Cocks and Morgan's storytelling.

Morgan says they will write another novel, although they're still caught up in The Royal We after the book's very tight turnaround; Morgan and Cocks handed in the final copy edit in January and the book came out in April.

"We're still coming out of our fog. We're still living in our fictional land, so we haven't really nailed down what we're going to do next," she says. "Definitely we'll write another book, absolutely, but we don't know what yet."

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3 BIKINI TRENDS THAT ARE HEATING UP

Swim season is almost here — and with the new season come fresh trends in swimwear. Looking to liven up your bathing suit collection? Check out the looks that swim experts say will continue trending hard all summer long.

MARIANNE HAYES/METRO IN NEW YORK

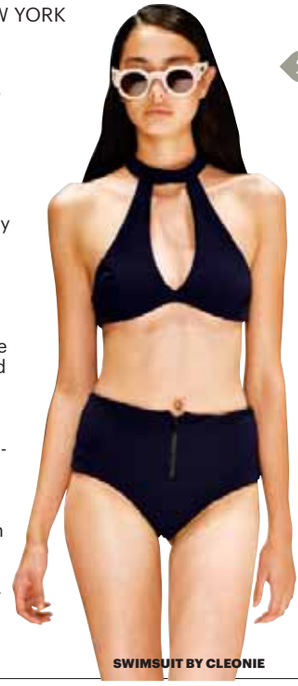
SWIMSUIT BY CLEONIE

1 SPORTY

Athleisure hits the beach

Athletic girls can rejoice: Sporty two-pieces are seriously in. "Athletic as an overall trend has been really strong for us," says Rose Jannuzzi, SVP of Operations for SwimSpot, an online bathing suit retailer based in the U.S. "And it's great because a lot of these pieces can actually be used in an active manner."

In other words, designers are keeping things like water sports and beach volleyball in mind. As a result, multi-use swimwear that can be worn both in the gym pool and by the beach has established itself as a strong trend for summer. This translates to longer bikini tops, more supportive structures, and embellishments like zippers.



SWIMSUIT BY CLEONIE

2 FORGET SPAGHETTI STRAPS

Halter top hotness

Forget strapless; one of the most popular looks in swimwear right now is the high halter top. "It's definitely one of our stronger sellers," says Jannuzzi, adding that the overall look creates the illusion of a larger chest.

Jeannette Roger, co-owner of the Nic del Mar boutique in South Florida, says that popular swim brands like Mikoh, Beach Riot/Stone Cold Fox, and Acacia are all putting their own spins on the trend. "It's great for the girl who wants to be a little bit sporty and a little bit trendy at the same time," says Roger. "Women from 15 to 50 all want to wear those particular brands."

SWIMSUIT BY SURFACE TOO DEEP

3 SOPHISTICATION

High-waisted femininity

We've seen quite a few overly sexy one-piece cutouts over the last couple of swim seasons, as well as the re-emergence of the high-waisted bikini.

This year, it's all about refining the look to create a more delicate feel. The final result is a swimsuit that leaves a little more to the imagination. According to Jannuzzi, cutouts that are more elegant than revealing are in high demand.

All in all, expect to see bathing suits that are feminine and subtly sexy (as opposed to in-your-face revealing).

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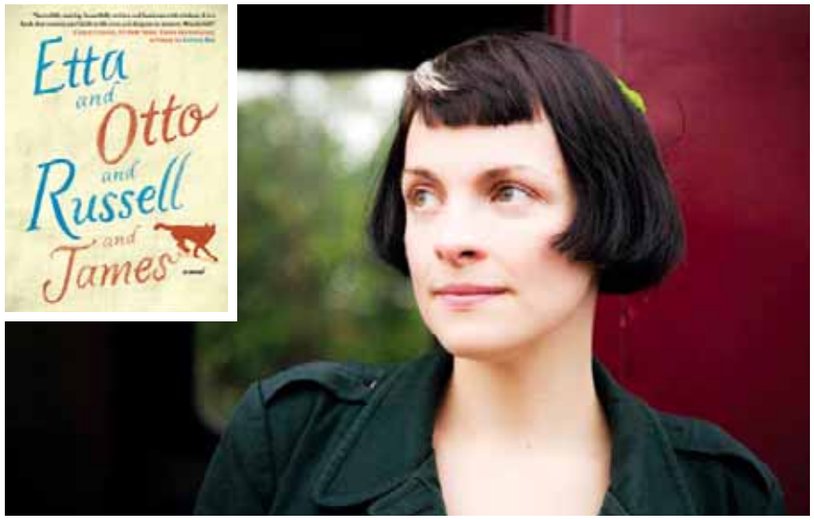

Main: Emma Hooper's debut novel (inset) takes readers on a journey. MARTIN TOMPKINS/CONTRIBUTED

From the Land of Living Skies to sea

LITERATURE

Canadian-born author comes home with her debut novel

Emily Laurence
Metro in New York City

Emma Hooper's much-lauded debut novel, Etta and Otto and Russell and James, started out a very different book than it turned out to be.

The book follows Etta, a woman in her 80s, who rises one morning to walk across Canada's prairie land all the way until she sees the ocean. By way of an explanation, she leaves a note to her husband Otto and some recipes, so he can cook for himself.

"Originally, I had Otto going on the journey," Hooper told us. "Then I had a feminist realization that I was doing that as a socially imposed automatic reaction where the man does (his) thing and the woman waits. I thought it would be much more interesting if I swapped it around."

Hooper had her own Etta-like journey, albeit on a smaller scale. The author participated in the Land's End to John O'Groats bike ride in England, an 875-mile trek that takes almost three months to complete.

"I loved spending all day just moving forward," said Hooper, who now lives in the U.K. "It was very meditative ... I just like that goal, to always move forward."

That said, Hooper was not a fan of camping at night and trying to find a semi-dry place to lay her head. She said she spent the tour perpetually cold and wet.

"That's why I gave Etta a summer journey in Canada," she said.

Despite her trip, Hooper said she doesn't necessarily feel more connected to Etta than the book's other three primary characters. The novel is told through multiple narratives, which Hooper said helped give her momentum as a writer.

"I think I'm just a distractible human," she said. "I liked jumping between them because if I ran out of something to say from one character's point of view, I could just be one of the other characters for a while."

IN BRIEF

First book of Stephen King's Dark Tower series will be made into a movie

The cinematic adaptation of Stephen King's novel The Dark Tower is to be helmed by Nikolaj Arcel, the director of Oscar-nominated A Royal Affair.

Nikolaj has proven himself able to work with popular literature before, having helped adapt Stieg Larsson's The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo for the 2009 original Swedish film, as well as Danish productions King's Game and Journey to Saturn.

The Stephen King association is yet to be confirmed but comes courtesy of Deadline. AFP

PUBLISHING

Shonda Rhimes said yes to Simon & Schuster

Shonda Rhimes' first book will have a positive message. The award-winning showrunner and creator of Grey's Anatomy and Scandal has an agreement with Simon & Schuster for Year of Yes, the publisher announced this week.

Rhimes was inspired to write the book, coming in November, after she was dared in December 2013 to for one year say yes to unexpected invitations.

In a statement issued through Simon & Schuster, Rhimes said she had not planned to tell about her year of challenges. But, in the spirit of taking chances, she couldn't turn down Simon & Schuster's suggestion to write a book.

"I had no choice — what else could I say but yes?" she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NEUROSCIENCE

A deeper look Inside Huntington's disease

Best-selling novelist Lisa Genova was a young college grad working as a technician in a Boston neuroscience lab in 1993 when a raucous celebration erupted in another laboratory down the hall.

There was good reason: Researchers had finally isolated the mutated gene that causes Huntington's disease, one of humankind's cruellest disorders.

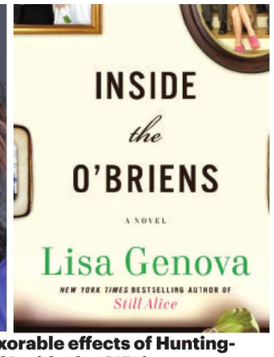
Genova, who went on to become a neuroscientist before turning to writing, knew she was witnessing a historic moment in the field. "And I remember thinking: 'Oh my God, they're going to cure this disease.'"

It was the memory of that eureka moment that led her to write about Huntington's in her latest novel, Inside the O'Briens — a story of a veteran Boston cop in his early 40s who is diagnosed with Huntington's and the devastating effects on his family.

Genova says the book is meant to raise awareness about the disease and the urgent need for research dollars to find effective treatments — and ideally a cure.

"Most people don't know what it is," she says of the disorder, which over time is marked by involuntary and often violent jerking of the head, neck and limbs, as well as cognitive decline and impaired speech.

While Genova doesn't shy away from describing Huntington's inexorable effects — in fact, the book's unblinkered description of the disease is one of its strengths — Inside the O'Briens is anything but bleak. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Lisa Genova explores the inexorable effects of Huntington's disease in her new novel Inside the O'Briens. HANDOUT

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Chris Brown is a bad passenger

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Singer berates 'old ass' flight attendant, tries to hotbox plane

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Chris Brown. ALL PHOTOS GETTY/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chris Brown really needs to work on his people skills.

In the latest round of faux pas by the embattled singer, Brown reportedly made life hell for the crew of a private jet.

The singer apparently was "smoking a ton of pot" despite FAA regulations and requests he stop, according to Us Weekly.

"He blew smoke at a flight attendant and said, 'I paid $60,000 for this jet, so I own it and everyone inside,'" a source says.

He also took aim at another flight attendant: "He told her, 'What is your old ass doing here anyway? I like to have the help be people I'd actually like to f—," the source adds.

Charming, that one.

Also, Chris? Hotboxing a jet and being a jerk to the crew is basically where Justin Bieber was behaviour-wise more than a year ago, so step up your game. And another thing, someone needs to tell him that a private jet — not to mention the people inside — costs much more than 60 grand, so really he was more renting everyone inside of it.

ONCE A CHEATER...

Stripper advises Jennifer Garner to 'run' from Affleck

How do you know your marriage is in trouble? When a stripper purported to be involved in your husband's last big breakup is chiming in — on the record, using her real name — about how you should kick him to the curb.

"I can't say I'm surprised," Tammy Morris tells the National Enquirer when told about rumours that Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner are headed for a split.

"I believe 'once a cheater always a cheater.' My advice to Jen is: Run!"

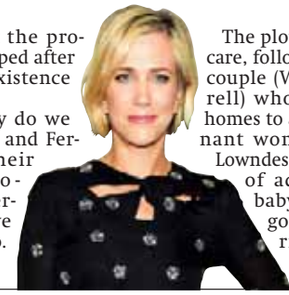
Morris gained some notoriety 12 years ago when she went on the record claiming Affleck had cheated on then-fiancée Jennifer Lopez with her.

For her part, Morris is really just disappointed in Affleck, which is kind of the icing on the cake here.

"I was really hoping Ben had turned his life around," she says. "He married the all-American girl. It's too bad he couldn't make it work." Oof.

A DEADLY ADOPTION

Wiig's Lifetime movie back on



Don't worry, fans of ridiculous camp, that top-secret Lifetime movie starring Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig that wasn't going to happen is apparently actually going to happen again. And soon.

A billboard for A Deadly Adoption featuring the two stars popped up in L.A. this week with an airdate of June 20, despite claims by Ferrell in April that the project was scrapped after news of its existence leaked.

So not only do we still get Wiig and Ferrell doing their best melodramatic overacting, but we get it soon, too. Score.

The plot, in case you care, follows a married couple (Wiig and Ferrell) who open their homes to a young pregnant woman (Jessica Lowndes) in the hopes of adopting her baby, but things go terribly, terribly wrong, naturally.

I AM CAIT

E! releases promo for Caitlyn Jenner documentary series

Caitlyn Jenner SCREENSHOT

The E! Entertainment network says its documentary series on Caitlyn Jenner premiering next month will be titled I Am Cait, and is showing a promo video for the series depicting her applying makeup.

The Olympic champion is featured in an eight-episode series depicting her transition from a man to a woman that will debut July 26.

E! ramped up promotion Wednesday by releasing a video of Jenner applying lipstick while sitting at a makeup table. She says for the first time a professional had come in and applied makeup for her. "What a difference," she says.

While driving near her California home in the video, Jenner declares: "I'm the new normal."

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Office towers could be repurposed for community

CONDO TRENDS
Duncan McAllister

The new film Tomorrowland premiered in theatres last week, and audiences got a taste of the whimsical, futuristic city of needle-shaped skyscrapers and flying cars.

What is now science fiction is poised to become reality sooner than you might expect, as new technological innovations become standard fare for Canadian homes.

Architects and manufacturers are collaborating with the real-estate and construction industries to devise advanced new products and building materials. Condominiums of the future will be geared towards convenience, safety and the security of their occupants.

Canadian architectural firm Onespace Unlimited specializes in hotel and condominium projects across the country. In one future-looking concept, the company reimagined a financial district 100 years from now. OneVision is a Tomorrowland-like community where skyscraper office towers are converted into vertical cities, replete with interconnecting skyways, helicopter landing pads and aerial parks.

In the acclaimed 1970s book Future Shock, futurist Alvin Toffler envisioned residents living in vacant office towers. Fast-forward 40 years and Onespace president Rod Rowbotham says it's happening now. He imagines a highly connected world where there's no need to travel or "gather" at a place of work.

"At a moment's notice, you can be sitting in your living room with multiple translucent displays and you can be talking to people in all parts of the country."

> **"The condo market is a little slow moving when it comes to adapting to technology**
> Onespace Unlimited president Rod Bowbotham

As a result, he adds, there will be a lot of surplus office towers, repurposed for community use. Imagine a police station on the 51st floor of a building, for example. "We don't look at architecture as a result of something. Whatever shapes it is happening because of us as people."

Rowbotham says that although the condo industry is slow to adapt, these amazing advances are just around the corner.

"All of that interesting technology is out there, but it's not in practice yet. The condo market is a little slow moving when it comes to adapting to technology."

With the evolution of the Internet of things, übersmart, network-connected appliances will be standard features in every condo. Software systems are now available that monitor all the devices in your home.

Nest Labs is a pioneer in the area of home automation. Spokesperson Zoz Cuccias says the company has made its innovative learning technology open to independent developers.

ABOVE: A concept by Onespace Unlimited that reimagines the transformation of financial districts into vertical cities with dense living spaces connected by transportation networks.

RIGHT: Talk to your fridge? There's an app for that. LG HomeChat literally lets you chat with your appliances from your mobile device.

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COMING SOON

Technologies to feature in new developments

Self-healing paint
Imagine your condo painted so you'd never have to touch up scratches again. New paint technologies that employ self-healing polymers are already available on the market.

Solar panel windows
Researchers have developed a fully transparent solar cell that could turn every window into an energy source. The technology also lends itself to exterior siding and pavement. Think of all those condo windows as a mini power plant.

Smart elevators
To save energy, the lights and fan won't run until there are people in the cab. Also, there won't be any buttons to push. That's because the intuitive elevator will know where you intend to go. If you live in the penthouse, the system can use GPS to tell when you're arriving and summon the car to the ground floor.

Car-charging stations
Builders are pre-wiring underground parking lots with electric-car charging stations. DUNCAN McALLISTER

DECOR

Bouquet of fresh floral prints brings spring indoors

Floral motifs pop up every spring in home-furnishing collections, but this year, there seem to be more of them than ever, and they feel particularly fresh.

New York interior designer Elaine Griffin says it began a few seasons back with a movement toward kinder, gentler silhouettes and patterns.

"Design has been trending toward a subtle but high-impact femininity," she says.

Floral chintz is back from the 1980s, but it's a looser, more relaxed version. And the cottage prints that in the past could be dowdy are more lighthearted. Also in the mix: bold, geometric flower motifs and ethnic floral patterns.

Some vintage prints reinterpret florals through a mid-century lens for a fresh take on both styles. But you'll also find more painterly designs, with a wistful watercolour look.

The new florals can go just about anywhere, says Griffin.

"For conservative spaces, co-ordinate complementary fabrics with the darkest hue in the floral," she says. "For zippier, more modern rooms, bring out the brightest hues of the pattern."

She advises making oversize floral patterns the star of the room. Pair them with textured solids or subtle stripes, and don't overdo it by adding a bunch of distracting prints.

Be mindful where you plant your flowers, too.

"Avoid florals on big and long-lived upholstered pieces like sofas," says Griffin. "They're a better bet for armchairs, ottomans and window treatments, which you can change more easily if you tire of the pattern."

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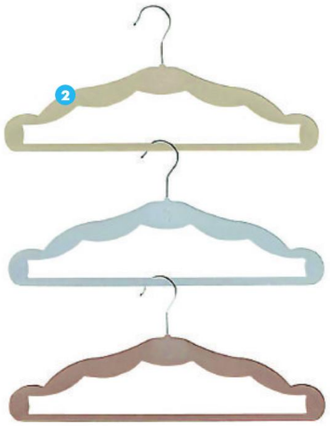
A bucket chair gets the floral treatment. HOMEGOODS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A lavender bloom stars in this bedding set. HOMEGOODS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A demitasse features fresh green and white. HOMEGOODS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hotel-like luxe for your guests

Expecting friends and family to visit or participating in a little Airbnb this summer? Don't forget these touches that will make your guests' stay feel extra special.



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3 hacks make most of balcony

OUTDOORS

Use of walls, raised planters eliminate 'patio envy'

Carson Arthur
For Metro

Nothing says summer like fresh evening air and a cold drink in your hand. It's the perfect way to wrap up a long day at the office or, better yet, an even longer day at the beach.

But when you're limited by space, relaxation can easily turn to frustration if you haven't got the right setup. I call it "patio envy."

Luckily, we've seen a resurgence of landscaping driven by the millennial generation that favours urban spaces. So it comes as no surprise that we're seeing trends that are scalable to any outdoor space, no matter its size.

Here are my Top 3 hacks to make the most of your balcony this year:

Think vertically!

It always surprises me how often walls are overlooked outdoors. Vertical walls in a small outdoor space or a balcony are the perfect spot to add character without cluttering the rest of the area. Make the most of yours with vertical gardens or outdoor art. Another great trick is installing a hinged wall-mounted table that gives you extra serving space when needed, or folds away to make room for more seating.

Get growing

Who says you can't garden on a patio? Get beyond terracotta pots with this year's must-have: the raised planter bed. The key is choosing a custom design that makes sense for your space. With DIY here to stay, companies have gotten really good at helping novice builders get started. MicroPro Sienna wood is a fantastic choice for a raised bed because it looks great and it's affordable. Best of all, it has set new environmental benchmarks, so it won't leach toxins into soil. You can request easy-to-follow plans on its website to get the look and make a statement on your balcony.

A raised planter box is a great way to add a garden onto your balcony while creating storage.
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Maximize empty spaces

Clutter in a small space can easily overwhelm. Take a look at the spaces that aren't being used and make them work for you. My favourite unused space is under benches. Built-in seating on balconies is a great way to add storage for toys, tools, and other outdoor goodies. Not to mention the space under that custom planter! It's perfect for keeping extra blankets and pillows on hand.

Summer is short: take control of your outdoor space this year and get the most out of this beautiful season.

Outdoor design expert Carson Arthur.
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'Hawks rally for Game 1 win

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Chicago takes early series lead on pair of late goal

GAME 1 In Tampa, Fla.

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If these playoffs have proven anything about the Chicago Blackhawks, it's that they don't go down easily.

A rough start in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final was merely a stumbling block for the Blackhawks as they came back to beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 Wednesday night at Amalie Arena to take the series lead.

Teuvo Teravainen and Antoine Vermette scored two goals in under two minutes in the third period to stun a sell-out crowd. It was a matter of time before Chicago broke through after dominating and testing Ben Bishop for the latter stages of the game.

"I thought our team got better and better as the game went on," said Blackhawks forward Patrick Sharp.

"There's a belief in our room that we're never out of any game, no matter the score," he added.

Bishop finished with 19 saves and Chicago's Corey Crawford had 22. Alex Killorn scored Tampa Bay's lone goal early on a highlight-reel deflection.

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According to the NHL, it was the 14th third-period comeback in these playoffs

Game 2 is Saturday night at Tampa Bay.

In the first Cup final game in Tampa since 2004, the Lightning jumped all over the Blackhawks from the opening faceoff. Killorn shot wide and Valtteri Filppula fanned on two chances in the game's first minute.

Two shifts later, that line of Killorn, Filppula and Steven Stamkos cashed in. Stamkos sent the puck deep into Chicago's end, where Filppula beat Duncan Keith to the puck and got it to Anton Stralman at the point.

As Stralman's shot was fluttering toward the net like a knuckleball, Killorn eyed up the puck and batted it behind his back and in on a bounce. Just 4:31 in, the Lightning had the lead.

Killorn's goal was his eighth of the playoffs, and his 17th point tied him with Stamkos for third on the team.

Penalty kills were clicking, and Bishop made a save on Patrick Kane late in the first period to keep the Lightning up.

The Blackhawks endured a nine-minute, 31-second shot drought in the second period, broken when Brad Richards fired away from the slot.

Bishop was there to make another key save, and the Lightning counted on him to make more as the night wore on.

Tampa Bay endured a shot drought of 13:22 from late in the second until a Ryan Callahan breakaway in the third.

Crawford's save on Callahan kept the Blackhawks in striking distance, and then Teravainen broke up Bishop's shutout bid.

The rookie's shot went through a ton of traffic and beat the goaltender clean at 13:28 of the third to tie it.

"I just tried to shoot high there and sometimes good things happen," Teravainen said.

A turnover by J.T. Brown led to Vermette's goal at 15:26 that gave the Blackhawks the lead.

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Blackhawks forward Teuvo Teravainen celebrates the game-tying goal against the Lightning on Wednesday night in Tampa, Fla. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

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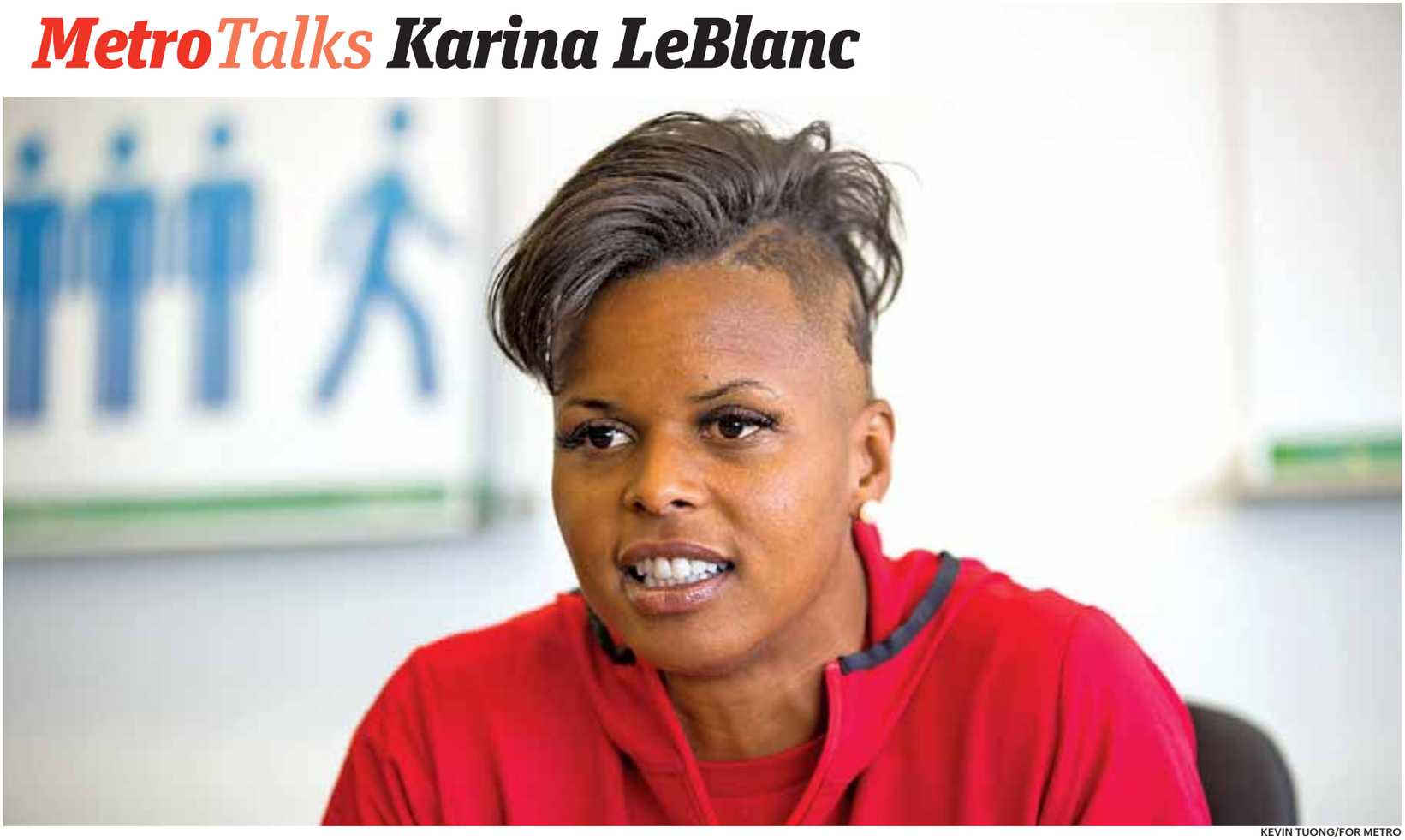

KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Canada 'keeper sits down to talk Women's World Cup

Leah Holoiday
Metro | Edmonton

In one month, Karina LeBlanc will hang up her cleats and retire from a 17-year career with the Canadian women's national team.

While the countdown to the close of her career is on — a career that includes an Olympic bronze medal, three Pan American Games and four FIFA Women's World Cup appearances — the Maple Ridge, B.C., product said she has one thing on her mind.

That's Saturday.

The 35-year-old goalkeeper and her teammates begin their 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup campaign on Saturday against China at Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton.

After nearly two decades playing the sport, LeBlanc says not much can phase her. However, preparing for a World Cup on home turf can bring back rookie butterflies.

"I don't think anything ever prepares you for that," LeBlanc said at the Metro Edmonton office on Wednesday. "It's not only the pride and proudness of playing in front of your friends, family and countrymen, but it's the emotions that come with that."

LeBlanc is one of 23 players playing for Canada, ranging in age from 17-year-old newcomer Jessie Fleming, to veterans Rhian Wilkinson, 33 and Melissa Trancredi, 33.

> **It is imperative that people don't show up quiet. They show up loud. They show up in red.**
> Karina LeBlanc

Despite the age gaps, LeBlanc says the team has fully jelled and ready to compete.

"It doesn't matter your age, it doesn't matter your experience, it's the fact that we have this tight family and this family is going to connect in front of the bigger family, which is the country."

The Canadian women's team has come a long way since its struggles at the 2011 World Cup LeBlanc said.

"We gave what we thought was our best and we came dead last," LeBlanc said.

Despite that disappointment, the team was able to regroup and pull together to secure the bronze medal at the 2012 London Olympics.

"It's incredible all of the different emotions (you experience) in a short time, but I think one of the great lessons is that anything is possible if you believe in it," she said.

With nothing on her mind right now except the World Cup (nope, there's no plan for after retirement quite yet), LeBlanc said she'll be looking to the Canadian crowd to push the team into its highest gear.

"It is imperative that people don't show up quiet. They show up loud," LeBlanc said.

"They show up in red.

"There will be moments in this World Cup, where Canadians help us win."

KARINA'S PICKS

Peanut butter or Nutella? Peanut butter

Favourite food? Mango

Favourite drink? Coconut water

Second favourite sport? Basketball

Person you most admire? My parents

Athlete you most admire? Michael Jordan

Favourite match ever? The final of the 2015 Women's World Cup

Favourite hair colour? Red

Hair spray, mousse or cream? Hair spray

Messi or Ronaldo? (Manuel) Neuer, the goalkeeper from Germany

Breakout star of the World Cup? The Canadian women's national team

City you're most excited to play in? Vancouver

World Cup final matchup? Canada versus the next best team

+ CONTROVERSY

From concerns over artificial turf to FIFA's bribery scandal, controversy has not been in short supply ahead of the Women's World Cup.

But Karina LeBlanc says her mind is only on the field of play.

"We've worked since the last World Cup every single day for this one and I don't think anything is going to take away from that for us," she said.

Much has been made of the artificial turf being used instead of regular grass.

LeBlanc said the team was always prepared.

"I can't speak for other countries," she said. "Every team is going to bring their best and I think every team has dealt with the issues of turf or grass. I know for us, our focus has been on the World Cup."

LeBlanc says she hasn't paid much attention to the high-level bribery scandal amongst FIFA executives.

"I'm not even focused on that, to be honest. I don't think any of the athletes playing in this tournament are focused on that."

Her few words have kick

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

When Sinclair speaks her teammates pay attention

John Herdman usually doesn't speak to his team in the locker-room after games. The Canadian women's soccer coach prefers to talk later, when heads are cooler.

But in the wake of the crushing 4-3 extra-time loss to the United States in the semifinals at the 2012 Olympics, Herdman knew he had to say something sooner than later. As he walked through the tunnels toward the dressing room at Old Trafford, Herdman told team psychiatrist Ceri Evans his plan.

"He said, 'Look, I think you're right. Let's script some things and make sure we get the message right, because you won't get another chance at this,'" Herdman recalled.

As they approached the dressing room, equipment manager Maeve Glass came out. She was crying.

"She said 'Look, you don't need to go in there, it's done ... Christine (captain Christine Sinclair) just spoke to the team in a way she's never spoke to them before.' And there wasn't a dry eye in the room."

"She'll let other people take the lead in general but when something needs to be said, she's the first to say it.
Rhian Wilkinson

Following a heartbreaking loss in the semifinals of the 2012 Olympics, captain Christine Sinclair rallied Canada to a bronze medal. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Said goalie Erin McLeod: "I get emotional every time I think about the speech."

The team huddled up. "You could hear a pin drop," said McLeod. And Sinclair, who scored all three Canadian goals that night in a memorable performance, rallied her troops.

"I just remember sitting in the locker-room at Old Trafford," Sinclair recalled. "Just everyone was heartbroken, rightfully so. Myself included. After a couple of minutes, it sort of hit me that three days from now we're playing for a bronze medal. Just this feeling came over me that I had to say something to this team.

"And I told them I had never been more proud to be their teammate. That the end result didn't happen against the Americans but I've never been more proud to wear that shirt. And that if heading into London, somebody would have said 'You're going to be playing for a bronze medal,' we would have taken it in a heartbeat. And I'm not leaving London without one.

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Sinclair, who turns 32 on June 12, has 153 goals in 223 appearances.

"I don't know. It just had to be said. Cool if it had an impact on people."

It's typically modest Sinclair, who avoids the spotlight as if it was toxic. She likes to reduce her leadership skills to little more than leading by example. But her postgame address at the Theatre of Dreams sparked the team.

The Canadian women picked themselves off the floor and went on to defeat France 1-0 for the bronze medal thanks to a Diana Matheson goal in stoppage time.

The medal came 13 months after Canada finished dead last at the 2011 World Cup.

She's no ranter, says Herdman. She leads in a very subtle way.

"And I think often the best leaders, they don't say much but when they speak, people listen. Because they don't say much.

"And Christine works like that. She always says, 'My leadership is in what you see out on the pitch. I lead by example.' But she's more than that. And I think what she's developed in the time I've been there is knowing that her voice has a huge impact on this team and there are moments she has to step up."

Canada, ranked eighth in the world, kicks off the Women's World Cup against No. 16 China on Saturday in Edmonton.

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Alex Morgan has scored 51 goals in 84 international appearances for the United States. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Morgan returns to the pitch

Alex Morgan was back for the U.S. national team's first practice in Canada in preparation for the Women's World Cup.

Morgan had been limited in practice and held out of the team's last three matches as a precaution because of a bone bruise in her left knee. Morgan appeared agile Wednesday afternoon in Winnipeg during the brief part of training open to the media.

The United States will need her proven scoring ability as the team tries to win its third World Cup title, and first since 1999. The tournament opens on Saturday with host Canada's group stage match against China. The United States opens play on Monday against Australia.

TROPHY CASE

The United States won World Cups in 1991 and 1999, as well as three straight Olympic gold medals.

To date, Morgan has 51 goals and 32 assists in 84 international appearances. Earlier this year in a 1-0 victory over England, she scored in her 79th international match to become the third-fastest American woman to reach the 50-goal mark behind Michelle Akers (49 games) and Abby Wambach (64).

Coach Jill Ellis said she was "very pleased with the progress" that Morgan has made.

Also returning was midfielder Megan Rapinoe, who had a sore quadriceps and missed the U.S. team's 0-0 draw against South Korea last Saturday in New Jersey. It was the first time the Americans were shut out at home since 2008, also by South Korea. But the U.S. extended its home unbeaten streak to 96 since November 2004 (84-0-12).

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IN BRIEF

Djokovic halts Nadal's Roland Garros dominance

Novak Djokovic ended Rafael Nadal's 39-match French Open winning streak by beating the nine-time champion in a surprisingly lopsided quarterfinal 7-5, 6-3, 6-1 on Wednesday.

Before that, Nadal had won four championships in a row at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament. The No. 1-ranked Djokovic lost all six previous matches he'd played against Nadal in Paris, including the 2012 and 2014 finals. Andy Murray, who defeated David Ferrer 7-6 (4), 6-2, 5-7, 6-1, awaits Djokovic in the semifinals.

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Tanaka picks up where he left off as Yanks sweep M's

Garrett Jones and Mark Teixeira homered, Masahiro Tanaka gave up one run over seven innings in his return from the disabled list and the New York Yankees completed a three-game sweep of Seattle Mariners with a 3-1 victory Wednesday.

Tanaka (3-1) made his first start in more than a month and did not miss a beat. Despite being on an 80-pitch limit in his return, Tanaka got through seven innings and struck out nine batters.

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BoSox's Rodriguez the real deal through 2 starts

Eduardo Rodriguez followed up his brilliant major-league debut by allowing one run and two hits in seven innings, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 6-3 in the opener of a day-night doubleheader Wednesday.

In his previous start, Rodriguez led Boston to a 5-1 win at Texas in which he left after giving up three hits in 7-2/3 shutout innings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blatter receives standing ovation from FIFA staff

A day after announcing his decision to resign, Sepp Blatter was back at work at FIFA headquarters on Wednesday as the corruption crisis continued to unfold.

Staff described Blatter as being emotional during a 10-minute address, and said he received a standing ovation. Meanwhile, Interpol added six men with ties to FIFA to its most wanted list.

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RECIPE Shrimp and Macaroni Salad

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

Rose Reisman
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Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes

Ingredients
- 8 oz macaroni or small shell pasta
- 12 oz peeled and deveined raw shrimp
- ⅓ cup light mayonnaise
- ⅓ cup low-fat sour cream
- ¼ cup sweet tomato chili sauce or ketchup
- ½ cup minced green bell pepper
- ½ cup minced red bell pepper
- ½ cup minced red onion
- ⅓ cup chopped fresh dill or parsley
- pinch freshly ground black pepper

Directions

1. Cook the macaroni in a pot of boiling water for eight to 10 minutes, or until tender but firm.
2. Drain, rinse under cold running water and drain thoroughly.
3. If using large or jumbo shrimp, cut into halves. Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium-high heat. Cook until pink, about two minutes.
4. Combine the mayonnaise, sour cream and chili sauce in a small bowl and mix well.
5. Combine the green and red pepper, onion, dill, pepper, pasta, shrimp and dressing in a serving bowl. Toss to coat well. Chill before serving.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 394
- Protein 22 g
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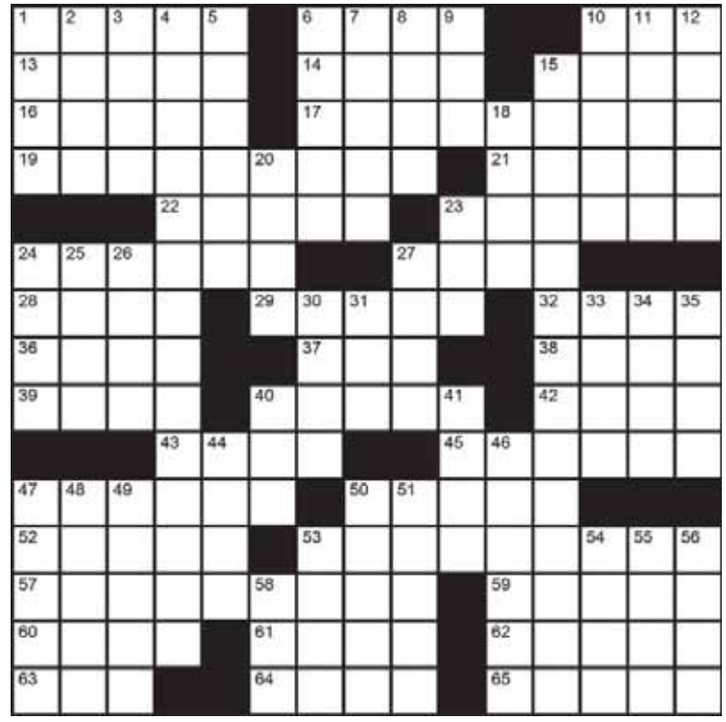

ACROSS
1. Big divide
6. Web address starter
10. 'S' in SPCA [abbr.]
13. Espresso style
14. Cincinnati's home
15. Early helicopter
16. Molecular bits
17. Chapped skin product: 2 wds.
19. Great Big Sea song about a real life Beothuk woman of Newfoundland: "__ Dream"
21. __ & Hawk (Juno-winning band from Winnipeg)
22. Office amounts
23. Ultimate
24. Surrounded by, to The Bard
27. Denpasar is its capital
28. Thought
29. Isolated
32. Voluminous book
36. Fibber
37. __ _ break (Away from one's desk)
38. Majestic
39. Gambler's input
40. Peggys __ Lighthouse (Iconic red-and-white attraction at Peggys Cove)
42. Shindig
43. "__ she blows!"
45. South American wild cat
47. Vintage girdle
50. Pasture place
52. .pdf files program, __ Acrobat
53. Cadbury treat a Viking would love
57. __ __ of Canada = RBC
59. Celine Dion's asset
60. Peanuts character
61. Ballet movement
62. Plaudit
63. Iron's partner
64. Post
65. Slangly-spelled agendas

DOWN
1. Clothed
2. Really don't like
3. Mr. Egoyan
4. Body of water where Peggys Cove is situated: 3 wds.
5. Muddles
6. Boring
7. 1894 Jules Massenet opera
8. Dye
9. Pea's packaging
10. Warfare attack
11. Verbal tests
12. Space object
15. Nova Scotia: Some of the Eastern Shore is composed of this rugged stuff: 2 wds.
18. 'Roof' a room
20. Info
23. Business excess
24. Ms. Kunis
25. Norse deity
26. Orderly
27. __ muffins
30. Broke
31. Singer Ms. DiFranco
33. Iridescent gem
34. Fermented soybean paste
35. Genuine
40. Ms. Benatar
41. Three-__ sloth
44. Scoundrel
46. Fourth wife of Henry VIII, Anne of __ (b.1515 - d.1557)
47. Movie producer Mr. Ponti
48. Stench
49. Rolls-__ (Posh car)
50. "__ __ Acapulco" (1963) starring Elvis Presley
51. Tattooed
53. Corduroy line
54. Nastiness
55. Mil. school
56. Soaks flax
58. Country singer married to actress Kimberly Williams ...his initials-sharers

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
With Mars, your ruler, on such excellent form, how can you possibly fail? This is one of those occasions when you must take risks and when you must push the limits. For you there are no limits, so light up the sky.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will surprise a few people with your tough guy act today. Usually you are placid in the extreme and rarely raise your voice but over the next 24 hours you will go right the other way. Scream and shout!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you push yourself hard now you will accomplish more in the next 24 hours than most people manage in 24 days. You won't lack for energy or passion — and if you use your brains you won't lack for anything.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you don't get what you want one way, you will get it another — you are in one of your imperious moods, the kind where you can easily intimidate people. No one says "no" to a Cancer — at least not today.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't worry about making mistakes, worry only that you might miss out on a glorious opportunity because you were too timid. If you take a chance it will pay off, even if the odds are stacked against you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Someone in a position of authority will challenge you to do more and do better today. You will rise to the challenge and show them and the world at large what you can do. Your ambition knows no bounds.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are in the mood to shock. You want to see the look of amazement on other people's faces when you say or do things they don't approve of. Don't go too far though or even your friends may start to avoid you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A falling out of some kind is likely today and it is unlikely to be very pretty. You have had your fill of being pushed around and now certain people need to learn that you can bite as well as bark.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you go it alone today you will do okay, but if you work with others you will accomplish ten times as much. Mars urges you to put petty differences aside and join with those who share your ideals.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you find yourself under pressure today you will most likely have brought it on yourself. You have taken on too many duties recently and now you are starting to pay the price. Cut back on your workload.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will find yourself drawn to a person who is strong and powerful and the planets indicate you are a good fit creatively. Get together to work on a project that you both find inspiring.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Something has stung you into action and you have every intention of making your mark. Your problem most of the time is that you are too sensitive but that won't be such an issue today.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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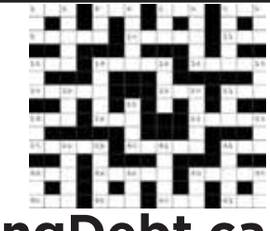

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